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To-day.

(August 23.)

Rotary Club Tiffin, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 1 p.m. (closed meeting for members).

South China Motor Shipbuilding & Repairing Works, Ltd., Annual Meeting, St. George's Building, 12.30 p.m.

Entrances for Macao Races close.

Queen's Theatre: "A Tailor-made Man."

World Theatre: "The Story of Kin Tan," Part 2 (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Montana Moon."

Central Theatre: "Fair Warning."

King's Theatre: "The Lawyer's Secret."

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Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

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Wednesday.

(August 24.)

Queen's Theatre: "A Tailor-made Man."

World Theatre: "The Story of Kin Tan," Part 2 (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Married in Hollywood."

Central Theatre: "Honor Among Lovers."

King's Theatre: "The Lawyer's Secret."

Prince's Theatre: "South Sea Rose."

Tea Dance at King's Restaurant.

Dinner Dances at Peninsula Hotel and Repulse Bay Hotel.

European Mail:—Outward: Europe (ordinary letters only) superscribed "via Siberia"; Air Mail, Shanghai-Manchouli.

Tides:—High at 7.50 and 10.11; Low at 1.05 and 3.11.

Thursday.

(August 25.)

Queen's Theatre: "Way For A Sailor."

World Theatre: "The Story of Kin Tan," Part 2 (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Married in Hollywood."

Central Theatre: "Honor Among Lovers."

King's Theatre: "Tarnished Lady."

Prince's Theatre: "The City Girl."

Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

Tides:—High at 8.35 and 10.31; Low at 1.54 and 3.40.

## "YOU GOT TO HAND IT OUT TO LONDON."

AMERICA LOOKS ROUND—AND APPROVES.

AND A LONDONER'S VIEW OF THE VISITORS.

I was prepared to be defensive, even apologetic, writes G. M. Thompson in the *Evening Standard*.

"Yes," I was ready to say, "our streets are narrow and badly planned, our buildings are too low by about ten storeys; we are shabby and out-of-date, but our policemen, you will admit, are wonderful, our complexions have a certain bucolic charm, our grass, our trees—"

It only shows how far wrong one can go.

I had always imagined (heaven forgive me!) that those vast motor-coaches which sleekly bore our visitors from the New World to gaze on our city moved to an obligate of acrid trans-Atlantic disparagement: "Say, is that the National Gallery? You should see the art gallery at Nashville, Tennessee."

And here I was in the midst of it. To right and left, to front and rear, the serried ranks of America were massed. Men with hats thrust forward on their brows, with cigars slewing like the gun-turrets of battleships, with a general air of benign truculence; women trim, assured and competent; girls in whom something of the exotic East is united with the unabashed and open-air West—here they were!

But where were the covert sneers, at an effete civilisation? Where the raw comparisons of a nation with higher buildings than we?

### Beautiful Girls.

I listened, and the great American symphony sounded in my ears, from the double-bass contributed by a man reading aloud the latest Wall Street quotations to the lighter wood-wind passages of a pair of girls—one dark, one fair, both beautiful—who discussed in high-pitched New England voices the latest stage in some *affaire de cour* that was throbbing to its conclusion in distant Pennsylvania.

How pleasant the music of American speech! Like English transposed to another key, with all

manner of surprising sharpness and flutes and rich, velvety vowels like reminiscences of Irish.

"United States Steel has dropped another dollar," said Double Bass, as we crossed Trafalgar Square.

"Geo, another buck!" jubilated a lean, hook-nosed man whose face seemed to be cast in a kind of highly-glazed pottery. But on another boat a fat, melancholy man drew down the corners of his mouth expressively while his wife said sharply: "What did I tell you, Eldred?"

Of course! The lean man was a Bear and the fat man a Bull. At last I had seen these mythological animals. Poor Bull, this was no weather for him.

Then suddenly Double Bass put his paper down and looked about him.

"Say," he said in tones that must have boomed over many a stricken field of finance, "say, you got to hand it to London. Yessir." A low murmur of approval.

### So Modest.

Was this the Hoover spirit at work, or had I been misjudging them all along? What nonsense has been talked about those modest, appreciative, intelligent people.

"We are now entering St. James' Street, the heart of clubland. All around us are the clubs of the British aristocracy." Boanerges, whom we call our guide-lecturer, is a credit to us and to the famous university which has released him for the summer.

"Hasn't he got just the outest accent. I could sit and listen to him for hours." The narrative of that New England passion halted while the fair Diana commented to her dark sister on the charm of Boanerges. But only for a moment: "What can a girl expect if she lets a fellow take her to a dance and then goes home in another fellow's automobile."

A new voice impinged on my hearing, feminine and wearily per-

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## LAST OPPORTUNITIES OF THE MOTOR TRADE.

### BRITAIN'S FAILURE TO EXPORT: A FREE TRADER'S OPINION.

### WHY NOT DESIGN A CAR TO SELL ABROAD?

Should the motor trade put more horse-power into its efforts to capture trade abroad?

The failure to export British cars on any large scale is one of the most outstanding facts of to-day, and in the trade survey which he is conducting for the *New Chronicle* Mr. A. J. Cummings investigates the cause and the remedy.

One of the great new industries is the motor-car trade, the development of which in this country is hampered or encouraged, according to conflicting views, by the fact that it enjoys under the McKenna duties a measure of Protection.

The conclusions about the motor industry from the tariff point of view were well summarised in a recent analysis by Mr. Comyns Carr, in which he observed that it was "an accident" that the industry is protected by a tariff and that it has not passed and could not pass through the safeguarding scheme.

It buys its materials in what is mainly a Free Trade market, and has all the advantages of Protection without the disadvantages which would arise if Protection were more widely extended, and especially if iron and steel were protected. It secures the home market for small cars because of its concentration on short bays and strong stroke, thus keeping the tax low. The horse-power tax is its greatest protection against foreign-made cars, as it is also its greatest handicap in Overseas markets.

#### Export as the Keyword.

It is a fact not without significance that the greatest increase in the motor-car group of industries took place during the year ending June, 1929, which was practically a Free Trade year, when the McKenna duties were not in force; and exports of motor-cars increased during that year by twice as much as in any year under Protection.

The export market must be the dominating factor in the future of this great modern industrial development.

According to a computation by the Secretary of the Association of British Motor Car Manufacturers, the industry now employs a quarter of a million men and women. Many people who have studied the situation believe that, with the right kind of enterprise and organisation, that figure would soon be doubled. Export is the keyword.

It is difficult to find any motor manufacturer who will admit, in private that we are making the most of our opportunities in the markets of the world. That, I think, is a complete understatement of the position.

How many Englishmen outside the industry are aware that the Irish Free State is Britain's biggest customer for British-made motor-cars? The value of the Free State's purchases of British cars was greater last year than that of all the foreign countries of the world put together, and greater than that of all the overseas Dominions.

#### Absence of British Cars Abroad.

What is the explanation of this discrepancy, in fact of the great business ability of some of our leading manufacturers? Mr. W. E. Rootes, a joint managing director of Rootes, Ltd., (the largest motor-car distributors and exporters in

this country), said more than a year ago that "motor-cars were not being sold in Great Britain with the same vision, energy, and resources as in America."

That criticism, he added, applied with even greater force to British sales in other parts of the Empire and outside it. In a recent world tour he had been struck by the absence of British cars and the lack of enterprise shown by British manufacturers.

This kind of criticism is exceedingly common. Mr. P. J. Pybus, who has already contributed to the present discussion on the state of British trade, provoked a considerable controversy some time ago when he wrote a letter to the Press immediately after his return from a mission to South Africa and the Rhodesia. "In the course of an extensive tour," he wrote, with a certain wry humour,

"I never saw a lion, but once or twice I saw an English motor-car; and this humiliating experience is shared by every Englishman who travels through our Empire."

#### Chances Seized by America.

I may add that I had a similar experience when travelling in the Near East and in Egypt. I had to listen to many bitter complaints from Englishmen, especially in Egypt, about the failure of British competition; and in Jugo-Slavia I met by chance a leading member of a great American motor-manufacturing firm (not Ford's) who informed me, with an air of lively self-satisfaction, that he was proceeding to Egypt to fill up with good American business the big gap unaccountably left open so long by British manufacturers.

I do not cite these examples in any carping spirit, but merely to indicate the kind of criticism which is persistent and widespread.

#### The New Works at Dagenham.

I went a day or two ago for further information to Sir Percival Perry, in the belief that, as chairman of the Ford Motor Company, he might take a more or less detached view of the facts. His company is now putting up on a river frontage two-fifths of a mile long an enormous plant at Dagenham, in Essex, which will be capable of building 200,000 cars and commercial vehicles per annum, and which will employ many thousands of British workpeople.

It is, of course, frequently asserted that tariffs will compel foreign manufacturers to establish factories in this country, and the Dagenham enterprise is naturally quoted to illustrate this view. Sir Percival Perry makes an emphatic denial.

"The factory at Dagenham is being established," he says, "because we believe in the status of Great Britain as a manufacturing and distributing centre; and we expect that at least three-fourths of the output will be exported to markets outside Great Britain and

to a large extent outside the British Empire."

He is convinced that the McKenna duties have been a hindrance rather than a help "to that great expansion of which I believe the British-car industry, if it set itself out to cater for the world market, would be capable."

"You take the view, do you not," I said, "that the present method of calculating horse-power tax prejudices the sales of British cars in the markets of the world—that, in fact, it is impossible for a British manufacturer to build up any considerable export business in the circumstances?"

"My belief," replied Sir Percival Perry, "is that the British car doesn't sell well abroad because it is designed down to the horse-power tax."

The formula on which horse power is ascertained Sir Percival describes as "totally erroneous according to every engineering and technical standard"; and Hungary is the only other civilised country in the world which recognises its application as an indication of horse power and a basis of taxation.

Because it is used to determine the amount of the annual tax British manufacturers have designed their cars in recognition of its fallacies, with the result that "all such motor cars are inefficient and unpopular when compared with vehicles having engines which are correctly designed"; and the doors of world markets are thus nearly closed to British cars.

On the other hand commercial cars, the taxation of which is not based on this formula, "are acceptable and popular in the foreign and Colonial markets."

"British manufacturers talk about getting a preference in our own Dominion markets. But will the Dominions buy British cars?"

"In foreign markets British cars are conspicuous by their absence. Our manufacturers have something better than any fiscal preference in Holland and Denmark. We pay at least £45,000,000 a year for Danish produce. Denmark is a Free Trade country. It has no local industry to protect. The Danes hate having to buy American cars. But I don't think there is a British motor-car agency in the country."

"We are driving on our gear bar instead of with the engine."

The Ford Company are selling about 10,000 cars a year in Holland; and the Dutch are buying about 30,000 cars a year of all makes—but practically no British cars.

"Now the balance of trade is with England. The Dutch much prefer to deal with the English. This country is spending something like £40,000,000 a year with Holland. But the Dutch have to go round the corner—4,000 miles from producer to consumer—to buy cars from Holland. And what is international trade but exchange?"

"Here is a market—right across the road—for British cars; and yet neither Denmark nor Holland buy from Britain."

"Then as to tariffs, Ford's sell 10,000 cars a year in France in spite of tariffs and strong competition; and in Europe 120,000 cars a year."

#### Why Not Design a Car to Sell Abroad?

"Personally, I believe if the British duty on imported cars were removed British manufacturers would do more domestic business because it would put them 'on their toes' competitively. If they had to get on their toes they would design a make of car which they could sell abroad."

"They talk of mass production. But mass production follows the demand. It doesn't create it. You must design a car which commands a wide appeal."

"America to-day is doing 84 per cent. of the export motor-car business of the world. But there is a ready market for Britain—with a suitable car."

Sir Percival is enthusiastic about the future of the motor-car industry, and dismisses brusquely the suggestion that we may be nearing saturation point.

"Our motor-car traffic demands are developing rapidly. Take the Great West Road, which runs almost parallel with the Great Western Railway. I am of the opinion that more goods and more passengers are carried on the road than on the parallel railway."

"Instead of electrifying the railways they should turn many of them into roads. We cannot compete in the development of electricity with other countries because we have no water power. Just as coal was at one time a great advantage to us in our industrial advance, now the absence of water power is a misfortune."

"Motor-cars are more heavily taxed in this country. It would be all to the good if part of the tax were taken off cars and put on horse traffic instead."

"Horse traffic in our great towns is a costly anomaly. Whenever you see a traffic block in London, you will almost invariably find a horse at the head of the procession. Besides damaging the surface of the street, horse traffic is an intolerable nuisance, and as a factor in traffic congestion means an incalculably heavy addition to useless and unprofitable expenditure."

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On the subject of wages, Sir Percival said Mr. Keynes's proposed 10 per cent. revenue tax might be the only way to get wages into proper relation to the cost of living—by putting up the cost of living—but he declared himself unhesitatingly a high wage man. "There is no need, in my opinion," he

said, "to cut wages down. My firm pays in this country a minimum wages (which we have adjusted to the cost of living) of 2s. 3d. an hour—that is to say, £4 a week for a 40-hour week. I believe in good, straight wages—not in piecework and other artificial incentives."

"I ask him for his view briefly on the fiscal question in relation to British industry."

"I am prepared," he replied, "to trust the ultimate instinct of the British people on Free Trade."

"So long as we are a creditor nation, as we still are, why should we make it hard for our debtors to pay us their debts by adopting Protection?"

"The United States of America offers us a glaring example of the reality and consequences of that problem. It is in our blood to have open markets. The Americans have been trained as a debtor nation to be Protectionists. For the same reason a creditor nation must be Free Trade. That is the answer to those who say 'How can England be right and the rest of the world wrong?'"

"I am not afraid," was Sir Percival's last word, "of the future of British trade. The future is going to be better than the past."

#### MOTOR CARS BLESSED BY CANON.

#### "CHRISTIANS DO NOT NEED MASCOTS."

A long line of motor-cars and cycles parked outside the Church of St. Michael Paternoster, in College-street, E.C., were blessed in celebration of the Feast of St. Christopher, the patron Saint of travellers.

Canon Bullock-Webster in his sermon emphasised the dangers in these days of constant travel.

"Our safety and lives depend on every crank, bolt, and wheel of the vehicle which is carrying us," he said. "To ward off danger many people carried mascots on their motor-cars. A mascot was a fetish or a talisman."

"But surely Christians do not need talismans and charms; all they need is God's blessing, and if they must carry something, it should be an emblem of St. Christopher."

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## News from Everywhere

### SPORTS CAR CAPABLE OF 85 MILES PER HOUR.

One of the most interesting cars of the year is the new Twenty Special Speed Model which has just been placed on the market by the Rover Company of Coventry.

As its name implies, the car is of the sports type, being equipped with a light four-seater body. A long bonnet, low lines and imposing radiator are all in keeping with the car's performance. On Brooklands track its speed has been found to exceed 85 miles per hour, whilst 12 seconds only is occupied in obtaining 50 m.p.h. from a standstill.

The engine of the new model has the same dimensions as that of the "Meteor"—72 by 105 m.m., 2,505 c.c. The R.A.C. rating is 18.3 horse power and the tax is thus £20.

The four-speed gear-box is of the well-known Rover "Silent-third" type and has ratios of 3.7, 5.3, 7.8 and 13.9 to 1. In its silent third gear the car is capable of amazingly high speeds.

### WOMAN DRIVER'S FEAT.

To the numerous instances already recorded of women driving cars for distances and under conditions which would appal many a mere man must be added the following: leaving Highgate, London,

at 4 a.m., and stopping only for breakfast (half hour), lunch (one hour), tea (half hour) and for petrol, over two hours in all. Aberdeen was reached at 7.30 p.m. The actual driving time was 13 hours and the distance on the speedometer was 583 miles. For the first 385 miles there was heavy rain, and over the Cumberland hills a snow-storm was encountered. The car, a 16/50 Humber, contained four passengers.

### A GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S CHOICE.

The Humber Pullman Limousine recently supplied to H.E. Sir Isaac Isaacs, P.C., K.C.M.G., Governor-General of Australia, was fitted with bodywork built by Messrs. Martin J. King, of Armadale, Victoria, who are recognised as being the best and most exclusive of Australian coachbuilders. The body is a six-light limousine, seven passenger, and is lacquered an ultramarine blue with gold line and black top. Dove grey upholstery hide completes an attractive colour scheme.

The interior is particularly well equipped with dictaphone, smoker's and ladies' companions, etc., while to provide against sun glare adjustable smoked glass visors are fitted to the inside of the windscreen. The chassis was supplied by Overseas Motors, Ltd., Humber distributors in Melbourne.

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### "BABY" ENGINE AND A BIG CAR.

#### NEW HIGH-SPEED MODEL.

An entirely new class of motor-car is shortly to be introduced in England. It is not an experiment, but the logical outcome of the extraordinary efficiency obtainable from the British motor engineer in the power-for-size scale the best in the world, and the insistent demand of the public for high-class performance but the lowest possible tax and running costs.

The new car will be of normal proportions, broad enough to carry three at the back and as roomy as the average family car of medium power. It will have a top speed of 70 miles an hour and the vivid acceleration of a sports car, yet its engine, a six-cylinder, is of no more than ten horse-power.

A "baby" engine pulling a comparatively big car at such a speed is made possible partly by the quality of modern motor spirit, which allows a compression ratio of 7 to 1 to be used, and by the high rate at which the engine will revolve. With a 6 to 1 top gear it will develop over 60 h.p., at 4,500 revolutions per minute, and at full speed will turn over 5,500 times a minute.

The car, which is being built by the Lavica company, will have a low frame, so that the roof of the saloon will be barely 5 ft from the ground, though giving ample headroom, and in other respects the car will be very up-to-date, with a silent-third gear box and a special device which stops the car if the oiling system fails.

The first specimens of the new car are now undergoing their final tests, and production will, it is hoped, begin at the end of August. The price at present fixed for the complete saloon is £275.

### A MOTORIST'S QUEER MUSEUM.

In a little room off Piccadilly is a very queer museum. The exhibits include a crumpled horn (cow), a crumpled horn (deer), a crumpled pheasant, a partridge, a duck from Regents Park and a swan, horse-shoes, stones and a selection of golf balls.

The "curator" of the museum is Mr. Reginald Delpech, Sales Director of Triplex Glass, Ltd., and the exhibits are objects which have crashed into the windcreens of motor-cars, and have been sent by grateful owners who might have been seriously injured if ordinary glass had been fitted to their cars. Mr. Delpech is proud of his museum.

### "M.G.'s" DO IT AGAIN.

The race for the Irish International Grand Prix, held at Phoenix Park, Dublin, on June 5 and 6, resulted in another phenomenal victory for the new (unsupercharged) 346 c.c. M.G. Magnets, manufactured by the M.G. Car Co., Ltd., Abingdon-on-Thames. The "M.G.s" occupied first, second and third places and won the Grand Prix, the team prize and Class H.

Despite heavy rain, the outright winner Norman Black, covered the course in 3 hours 31 minutes 20 seconds, at an average speed of 64.76 m.p.h. This time beat on handicap that of the winning "over 1,500 c.c." car, racing on the second day, by 11 seconds.

The time of the winning M.G. team of three, led by Major A. T. G. Gardner, was 10 hours 20 minutes, 20 seconds—that is, 43 seconds less than the next team.

The above figures are subject to the usual official confirmation.

### BRITISH CAR'S RECORD RUN IN SOUTH AFRICA.

On Friday last N. Blyth Clayton, driving a supercharged Austin Seven did the 1,000-mile run from Cape Town to Johannesburg in 30 hours 50 minutes, beating the Union Express Mail Train by three hours.

In spite of bad weather conditions throughout the run, a remarkable average speed of 37 m.p.h. was maintained—a striking testimony to the efficiency of the small British car under Colonial conditions.

### MOTOR CYCLE NOTES.

#### KOWLOON CLUB'S ACTIVITIES.

[By "CAMSHAFT"]

Publication of my recent comments on the Kowloon Motor Cycle Club has brought further interesting details of this excellent organization from the Secretary, Mr. Brand.

I am informed that the Club owns a matched set at the Cafeteria Beach, Castle Peak, and that it has proved extremely popular with the members. The beach is one of the best to be found on the mainland, and the club is to be congratulated on obtaining such an excellent site for their swimming activities.

Members also have the privilege of using two garages, with their accompanying equipment, without any charge whatever. One of them is the headquarters of the Gascon Motor Company, owned by Mr. Gascon, who is one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Club, while the other is the garage of Mr. Marriott, situated at Kowloon Dock. Members who are without expert knowledge of their machines obtain excellent free service in this direction, and it might even be said that payment of the moderate membership fee ensures free service, expert advice, etc.

The Club continues to hold at least one social run each week, usually on a Sunday, and often in co-operation with the motor-cycle section of the H.K.V.D.C. The friendliest relations exist between the two clubs, and without doubt better times are in prospect for local sporting riders.

### What About the Fair Sex?

I have often wondered, no doubt in common with many other local riders, why there are so few lady motor cyclists in the Colony. There is not the slightest doubt that our roads are among the most difficult to be found anywhere outside the sheer mountain-tracks in outlandish parts of the world, and that negotiating some of the sections is no job for anyone with a tendency to squeal and become paralyzed with fright when an emergency crops up; nevertheless there seems to be no real reason why we should not number more of the fair sex among us. So far I have seen but one lady rider in Hong Kong; she was riding a medium-powered combination, and riding it uncommonly well. Another prospective enthusiast is endeavouring to obtain a light-weight through the medium of the small advertisement columns of the Press, but I have yet to see her astride her "bus," if she really has joined our ranks.

Do the fair-chauffeurs of Hong Kong consider that they would lose caste, as it were, if their six-cylinder riding-friends were to see them astride 500 c.c. or so of hot-looking camshaft? In the event of such being the case, I would remind them that no less a personage than His Majesty the King of the Belgians is one of Europe's most enthusiastic Norton riders, and has owned several machines of this make—and none of them were touring models. Surely what is good enough for a King is good enough for a Hong Kongite!

### No Law-Breakers.

It is extremely interesting to note that, on the whole, Hong Kong motor cyclists are a very well-behaved crowd. It may be that their little failings are overshadowed by the brilliant performances of Chinese public-car drivers, and that as a class they are in a minority in the Colony as compared with four-wheelers, but I find it difficult to get away from the fact that motor cyclists figure very rarely in police court proceedings, at least in comparison with other road users, so perhaps we are not such notorious rogues and rascals, as some people would have us believe.

### BRITAIN'S INTERNATIONAL MOTOR-CYCLING TEAM.

#### "LOOK'S COMPETENT ENOUGH."

The Auto-Cycle Union has now selected the British teams for the International Six Days' Trial, which will take place in Italy at the end of this month, and in the current issue of *Motor Cycling* a member of the staff reviews our chances in this, the most important annual contest of the kind. His verdict is that the teams that have been chosen look competent enough for the business.

Harry Perrey captured the Trophy team last year. His experience is exceptional and he is a very steady rider. Bert Perrigo is what the hunting people call "a bad 'un to beat" in the trials game. So is Rowley. He also possesses T.T. experience and can therefore handle the Monza situation with effect. Neither Perrey nor Perrigo have ridden in the Island, but both are of a class that can cope with speed.

Incidentally, all our representatives will be mounted on 500 c.c. models. A 250 is hardly the motor for the event and there would be no point in running 350's, as that class is expected to show just the same performance as the 500's.

The Vase teams also look promising. Dennis Mansell knows how to handle a Norton sidcar outfit; N. P. O. Bradley is in the same class with a Sunbeam. Amongst the soloists, Vic Brittain and Jack Williams are T.T. men, mounted on machines they know, while F. E. Thacker is a fast motorist in a trial and Louis Welch is a steady rider who can also go quickly when required.

For the first time in recent history there will be no team of British women riders. In view of the strenuous nature of the trial, the change seems to be justified.

I understand that there is a chance that the teams may be sent over to Italy in time to do a little practising before the trial starts. In any case, our men will be under pretty strict supervision all the time. We are going to take the trial really seriously.

As regards entries from other countries, the Italians will naturally turn out in force on their home ground. B.M.W. and D.K.W. pilots are coming from Germany, while the Motor Club d'Italia has hopes of entries from France, Belgium, Switzerland, Hungary, and Sweden. Preparations are well in hand for the trial, and the final survey of the course, which had been hindered by the snow on the Alpine passes, is being completed.

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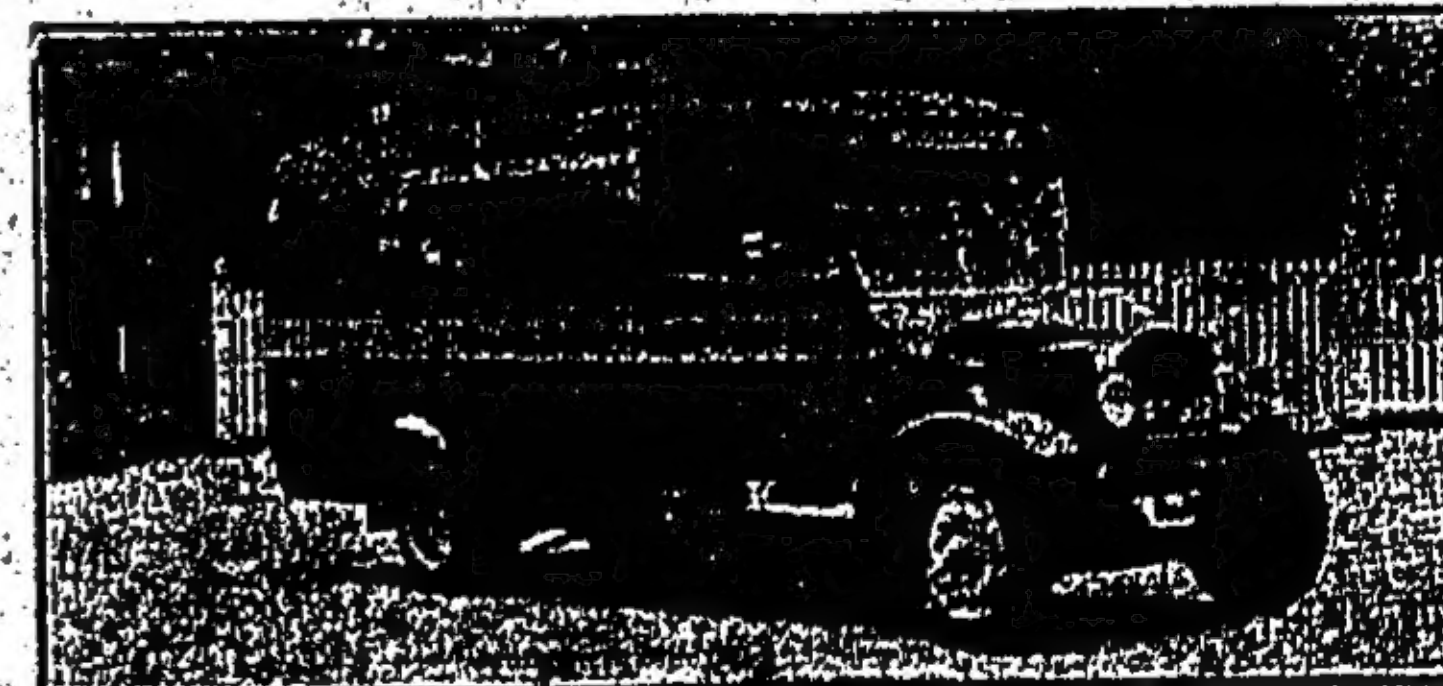
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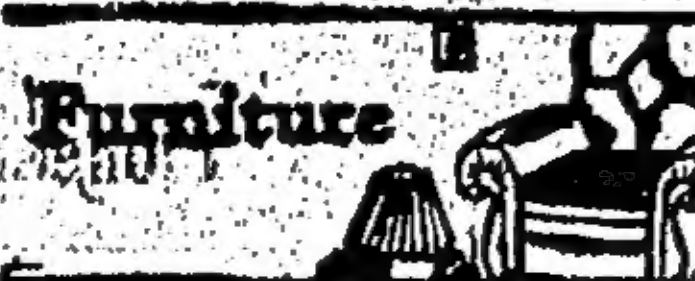
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"WAY FOR A SAILOR."

At least one player felt at home when the Liverpool waterfront scenes were filmed for "Way for a Sailor." John Gilbert's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture which will open at the Queen's Theatre on Thursday.

She is Doris Lloyd, British actress, who plays the part of Elsie in the picture. The picture is directed by Sam Wood, and the supporting cast includes Leila Hyams, Jim Tully, and Polly Moran.

## CENTRAL THEATRE.

"FAIR WARNING."

Action is the key-note in "Fair Warning," Fox Movietone outdoor romance with George O'Brien, in the leading rôle, now showing at the Central Theatre. The picture starts with a thrill and one exciting episode follows another until the climax is reached.

The opening scene discloses a picturesque valley with snow-capped mountains in the background. Deep in the valley is seen a magnificent stallion.

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Next he transfers his saddle to the back of the steed and, loosening the rope, gains his back as the stallion leaps to his feet. He tries his best to unhorse O'Brien, reverting to all the tricks he knows to throw the rider, but after a desperate fight, O'Brien breaks him.

O'Brien portrays the character of a primitive, but handsome young man who has an uncanny influence over wild animals. Louise Huntington, New York stage beauty, portrays the rôle of the girl, and the supporting cast, headed by Mitchell Harris, George Brand and Nat Pendleton, includes Erwin Connelly, John Sheehan, Willard Robertson and Alphonse Ethier.

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Throwing the old Hollywood tradition that no screen career can stand an unsympathetic part to the winds, Rogers says: "Whether the rôle is good or bad, whether I prove to be a dramatic actor or not, the part will be good for me. It is the first time since 'Wings' that I have had a truly dramatic rôle."

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"I understand now what is meant by dramatic actor 'living his rôle,'" says Rogers. "I occupy all your thoughts during the period of production. Without the set formula of comedy, every scene takes mental effort and concentration."

Rogers is even glad his rôle is devoid of romance. Usually surrounded by two or three girls, he finds lack of romance a relief. He

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RED LITERATURE  
CONFISCATED.UNCLAIMED CHESTS AT  
SHANGHAI JETTY.

Following the handing over of 27 alleged Communists to the Chinese military authorities last Monday and Tuesday, the Second Branch of the Kiangsu High Court, composed of Judges Soong (presiding), Kuo and Yih, ordered yesterday the confiscation of 36,000 copies of the "Hai Kuen" and the "Red Flag," newspapers published and circulated by agents of the Communist Party.

The confiscated literature was contained in two large chests which were discovered at the Canton Road Jetty on March 4. Suspicions of several shipping brokers, who were working at the jetty on the day in question, were aroused as the two chests had been lying at the wharf for over 12 hours and yet nobody had appeared to claim ownership. On examination, the two chests were marked "silk goods." Subsequently, the shipping brokers reported the affairs to a Chinese constable on duty in the vicinity who removed the cargo to the Central Police Station and told the brokers to inform the owners of the cargo when the latter appeared at the jetty.

Left Four Months.

However, the two chests of "silk goods" after being taken to the police station, remained there for more than four months during which period nobody applied to the police for the cargo nor had the police received any reports concerning the names and addresses of the owners of the cargo. The police, therefore, decided to open the two chests last Monday and, when this was done, it was found that they were full of Communist newspapers which had apparently been taken to the Canton Road Jetty by the Reds on March 4 for transportation to some unknown place, but which had been deserted at the wharf.

The seized newspapers were removed to the Second Branch of Kiangsu High Court which, as stated, granted the police application for their confiscation.

SPAIN CONFISCATES  
PLEGDED ESTATES.SECURITIES FOR LOANS  
GIVEN BY KING.

Madrid, August 18.—The Council of State has sanctioned a decree under which the State will immediately take possession of all estates and rights of the Crown which may have been pledged by the King for loans and which are now being exploited by individuals.

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12.30 p.m.—European programme.  
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

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2 p.m.—Close down.

6 to 8 p.m.—European programme of Victor and H.M.V. records supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

8 to 8.15 p.m.—

Tallie Tunes.

"Happy Days,"—Selection.  
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—New Mayfair Orchestra.—C1893.

"Follow a Star"—Vocal gems.—Light Opera Company.—C2087.  
6.15 to 6.35 p.m.—

Children's Programme.

Songs—(a) "Happiness," (b) "Missing," (c) "In the Fashion," (from "When We Were Very Young," by A. A. Milne, H. Fraser-Simon).—George Baker (Baritone).—B2220.

Songs—(a) "Halfway Down," (b) "Hoppy," (c) "Growing Up," (from "When We Were Very Young," by A. A. Milne, H. Fraser-Simon).—George Baker (Baritone).—B2220.

Songs—(a) "Buckingham Palace," (b) "The Three Foxes," (c) "Politeness," (d) "Market Square," (from "When We Were Very Young," by A. A. Milne, and H. Fraser-Simon).—George Baker (Baritone).—B2221.

Songs—(a) "The Christening," (b) "Brownie," (c) "Lines and Squares," (d) "Vespers," (from "When We Were Very Young," by A. A. Milne and H. Fraser-Simon).—George Baker (Baritone).—B2222.

6.20 to 6.53 p.m.—

Organ Solos.

"Londonderry Air" (arr. Stewart Archer).  
"Chelsea Fyre" (Goss-Custard).—Reginald Goss-Custard.—B2375.

"A Brown Bird Singing" (Haydn Wood).  
"Schon Rosmarin" (Kreisler).—Reginald Fort.—B2384.

7 p.m.—Stock quotations, mail notice, etc.  
6.53 to 7.25 p.m.—

Orchestral.

"A Night in Budapest" (Schaffer-Paepeke).  
"A Night in Vienna" (Schaffer-Paepeke).—Hungarian Rhapsody Orch.—B3589.

"A Hunt in the Black Forest" (Vaekker).  
"In a Clock Store" (Orth).—New Light Symphony Orch.—C1308.

"Fountains of Rome" (Respighi).—London Symphony Orch.—D1420.

7.25 to 8 p.m.—

"Double Concerto in A Minor" (Brahms).—Jacques Thibaud (Violinist), Pablo Casals (Cellist), and the Pablo Casals Orchestra, Barcelona, conducted by Alfred Cortot.—M-99.

8 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

8.03 to 11.30 p.m.—Kwong Sing Theatre relay.

10.30 p.m. (approx.).—Rugby mid-day Press news.

11.30 p.m.—Close down.

## CROWN LAND SALES.

BRISK BIDDING YESTERDAY.

Brisk bidding was witnessed yesterday at the P.W.D. when Mr. Parker Riss sold two lots of Crown lands.

Mr. Wong Ping of 60, Wing Lok Street, bought New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1553, (about 9,390 sq. ft.) on Tai Po Road, Shamshui, for \$22,800. The upset price was \$16,700.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1557, (about 7,470 sq. ft.) at "Un Chau Street, Shamshui," was sold to Mr. Wong Cho Ying of 89, Kai Lung Street, for \$23,000. It had an upset price of \$14,940.

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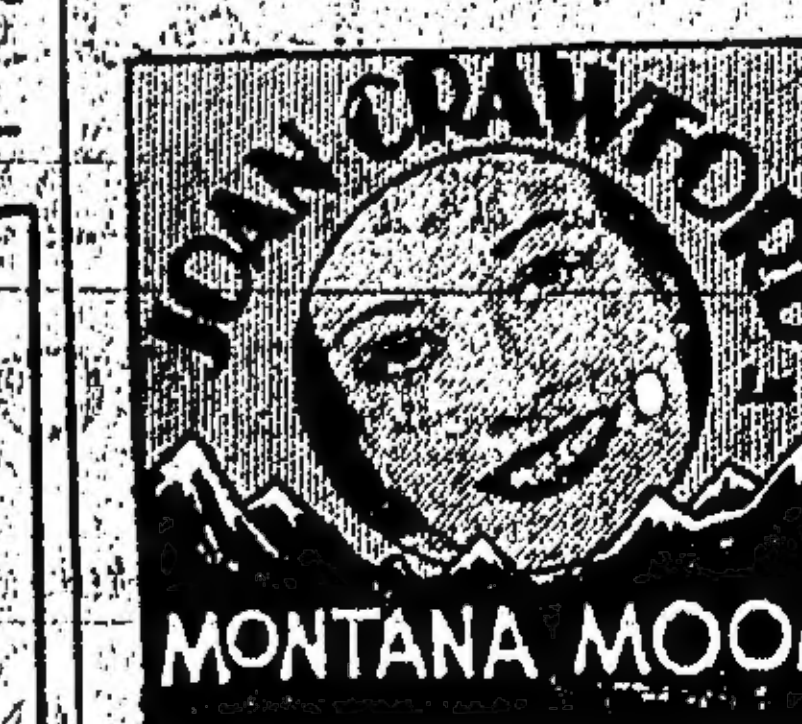


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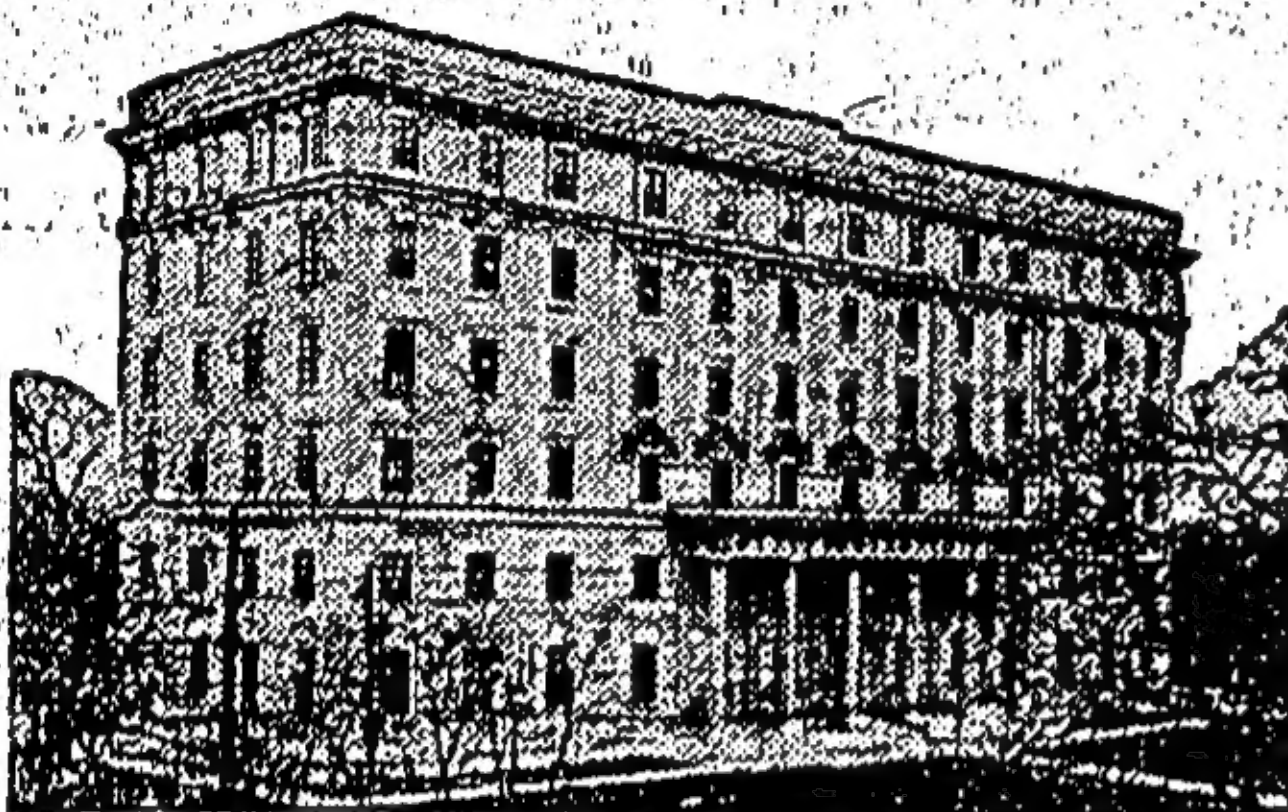


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## HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

[ORDERS ISSUED BY THE HON. MR. A. D. C. WOLFE, C.M.G., INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.]

### Aquatic Sports.

The attention of all Police Reservists is drawn to the programme of the 9th Annual Aquatic Sports of the Police and Prison Departments to be held at the V.R.C. on or about Saturday, September 19. It includes a special race open to members of the Hong Kong Police Reserve. Further particulars can be obtained from Gr. Sgt. R. J. Hunt, to whom all entries must be sent before September 1.

### General.

Revolver Practice: The regular weekly revolver practice will take place at the Bowen Road Revolver Range to-morrow at 8.15 p.m. under S. I. Hopkins, Musketry Instructor. All members of the Sharpshooters' Company who have not passed Part III. of Training Course should attend without fail.

### Training Course.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central will be held as usual to-day at 8.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company and of the Flying Squad who have not passed Part II. of Training Course should attend.

### Chinese Company.

Inspection Parade: All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Friday for a general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Fall in at 8.30 p.m. sharp, under P/Sgt. R. J. Hunt. Dress: White uniform, cap with white cover; belt (without frog), truncheon, whistle, armband and badge; "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present. Recruits will attend.

### Indian Company.

Commendation: Constable R233 Mohamed Ahann of the Indian Company, Hong Kong Police Reserve, is commended by the Hon. I.O.P. for zeal and alertness on June 24, 1931, by following 3 opium smugglers from Blake Pier to the s.s. Kamo where he arrested them. They had 52 tins of prepared opium concealed on their person. The 1st prisoner was fined \$1,700 or 3 months; the 2nd \$1,500 or 7 months; and the 3rd \$2,500 or 9 months; on June 25, 1931.

Leave: Constable R230 Sheikh Karim Baksh has been granted 6 months' leave, of absence from the Colony as from August 2.

### Flying Squad.

Strength: Constable R223 F. C. Parton has been permitted to resign, having completed one year's service with effect from August 19.

Revolver Practice: Revolver practice will be carried out on the Bowen Road Revolver Range on Thursday, August 27 instead of Tuesday, August 25 as previously arranged at 8.15 p.m. under S. I. Hopkins, Musketry Instructor. All members of the Flying Squad who have not passed Part III. of Training Course should attend without fail.

The final instructional patrol of the month of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday, August 28 and all members should attend without fail. Fall in at Central Police Station at 6.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki uniform and cap with khaki cover.

### Sharpshooters' Company.

Revolver Practice: Revolver practice will be carried out on the Bowen Road Range to-morrow at 8.15 p.m. Members will assemble on the range at that hour with belts, holsters, and revolvers. Uniform optional.

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## JEWELLER'S WINDOW SMASHED.

### TWO SOLDIERS IN CUSTODY.

At three o'clock yesterday morning, hearing a crash and the tinkle of broken glass in Nathan Road, an Indian constable made investigations and came upon two privates of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders standing beside the shattered window of a jeweller's shop. He took the two soldiers to the Tsimshatsui Police Station.

Mr. M. Bogdanoff, the jeweller whose shop window was broken, stated that when he arrived at the premises he found the window broken and a large stone inside the window. He found that two diamond rings and a woman's gold wrist-watch and two pearl necklaces were missing. The value of the missing articles was \$300. It is understood that the police did not find the missing articles on the two soldiers.

The two men will be charged with larceny at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

## CASE DISMISSED.

### ALLEGED CHANGING MONEY AFTER HOURS.

On the ground that the evidence tendered by the prosecution was not sufficient, Mr. M. K. Lo successfully defended the licensee and a foki of a money changer's shop who were summoned for changing money after 9 p.m.

Sergeant Hughes stated that at 9 p.m. on August 4, in Jubilee Street, he saw three women enter defendants' shop. He noticed three notes on the counter. As he approached the foki saw him. The money was then handed back to the women, who were given a packet of cigarettes.

On August 9 at about 8.30 p.m. witness was again in Jubilee Street and saw the foki give a man some money. The man put the money in his pocket and walked away.

In reply to Mr. Lo, witness admitted that it would have been better if he had stopped the man whom he saw leaving the shop on the second occasion. The defendants carried on the usual business of money changers and cigarette sellers and, although the money business had to close at 8 o'clock, the cigarette business had no limit in time of sale.

Submitting that he had no case to answer, Mr. Lo, referring to the first occasion, said that defendants could not prevent anybody from trying to change money but the question was whether the defendants had changed it. The defence would be that the women wanted to change the notes but the foki had told them it was after time and they then asked to purchase cigarettes.

The foki was merely an apprentice, and the money business was carried on by two experienced men who had gone off duty at 8 o'clock, leaving the foki to carry on the cigarette business.

Mr. Lo then pointed out numerous possible explanations for the second occasion. If the evidence was equivocal the defendants had to be discharged. The man might have purchased cigarettes and received change or he might have been a foki of the business.

Speaking of the restriction imposed on money changers requiring them to cease business at 8 o'clock Mr. Lo remarked that he understood it was for their own protection, making robberies less liable.

His Worship agreed that Sergeant Hughes had not seen sufficient and discharged both defendants.

## DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT.

DR. LUIZ L. FRANCO.

The death occurred on Saturday afternoon at his home in Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon, of Dr. Luiz L. Franco, age 82.

The late Dr. Franco was previously a military doctor in the Portuguese army, with the rank of Captain and he had served both in Macao and Timor. On leaving the army he settled down in Macao and established a dispensary known as the Farmacia Popular, later opening another establishment under the name of Farmacia e Drogeria Franco Cia.

Dr. Franco came to Hong Kong sixteen years ago and he and his family had lived in Kowloon since then. He leaves a widow, three sons, two daughters and several grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Many relatives and friends were present at the funeral which took place on Sunday at the Roman Catholic cemetery. The Rev. Fr. Spada of the Rosary Church, who had known the deceased for many years, conducted the service in the Chapel and at the graveside. He was assisted by Fr. de Comati and Fr. Cantori and students from the Catholic Seminary.

## BIBLIOTHEQUE FRANCAISE.

### NOUVEAUX ARRIVAGES DE LIVRES.

Nous sommes persuades que de nombreuses personnes a Hong Kong se trouvent dans cette ville une bibliotheque francaise dont le siege se trouve au Consulat General de France, Alexandra Building, Des Vaux Road Central.

Cette bibliotheque se compose de plus de 2,500 volumes choisis avec soin, et touche a tous les genres de litterature. Elle est dirigee par des membres influents de la colonie francaise et est placee sous le haut patronage de M. Desjardins, de la Prade, Consul General de France a Hong Kong.

Dans un but de propagande, le comite de la Bibliotheque a decide de supprimer tout cautionnement et tout droit d'entree. La cotisation a ete reduite a la somme minime de \$1.00 par mois, payable par trimestre. Le tresorier de la Bibliotheque, Mr. Yvon Segalen, Banque de l'Indochine, French Building, se fera un plaisir de donner des renseignements complementaires a toute personne qui lui en fera la demande.

## UNUSUAL BANDIT STORY.

### GANGSTER TAKEN BY HIRE CAR DRIVER TO POLICE.

### ESCAPE PREVENTED BY SPEEDING CAR.

An extraordinary incident connected with an armed gang occurred last Thursday in Shanghai, when a hire-car chauffeur drove his car to a French Concession police station at so rapid a rate that a member of the gang who was left in the car could not manage to escape, and was consequently arrested.

Four men shortly after 3.30 a.m. appeared at the Dah Loh hire-car garage in Rue Lafayette and hired a car. They all got in, and directed the driver to take them to the Zoo Ching Road, near Lungkwa. This he did, and he was then told to drive down it.

Some distance along the road a constable of the Public Safety Bureau held up his hand for the car to stop, evidently having the intention of searching those riding in it. All three got away, the constable being so surprised that he did not return the fire.

### Surprise for Chauffeur.

As soon as the shot was fired the chauffeur decided that he would be safer some distance away from any impending gun battle, so he banged in his gears and trod on the accelerator, not realizing that one of the gang was left in the car. When he had gone a little distance along the road, however, he realized that he was not alone, and so he courageously drove all the faster.

The gangster had no chance of escaping from the car, because of its speed, and he had no desire to attack the chauffeur, because that would have wrecked the car and he himself might have been injured or killed. Nor was he carrying a pistol with which he might have threatened the chauffeur and intimidated him.

So the car was driven into the French Concession and to Avenue Joffre Station, where the chauffeur stopped the bandit before he could run away. The constable at the gate of the station stopped up, and escorted the pair into the charge room.

French Police inquiries indicated that the man who fired the pistol shot was probably a notorious gang leader. The arrested man was later handed over to the Public Safety Bureau.

## ALLEGED STOWAWAY.

### AMERICAN'S EXPLANATION.

A man named Caldwell, who claimed to be an American citizen, was brought before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of stowing away on the s.s. Taiyuan from Amoy to Hong Kong.

Addressing his Worship, defendant said: "I was on the Ichang from Shanghai to Amoy. I paid my passage on this boat and in the course of our voyage, the boat went on some rocks. It took seven days to get to Amoy after arriving at Amoy. I stayed on board the Ichang for two days, and one day when I was having lunch with the officers, I was told that the Taiyuan was sailing at 9 o'clock that day. The agent was on board ship at the time and I fixed up to go on the Taiyuan. I went ashore with the intention of fixing up my passage, but the ship left Amoy at 1.30 instead of at 2 o'clock. On board ship, I offered to pay my passage by cheque but they refused to take it."

His Worship:—What is your bank?

Defendant:—The Bank of Hawaii.

No Passport.

His Worship:—Have you a passport?

Defendant:—I have no passport, your Worship.

Defendant went on to say that he had been told he could get to Manila without a passport. When he was in Shanghai, the American Consul told him that it was not necessary to have one. He said he flew from Yokohama to Kobe, where he took a boat to Shanghai.

Sub-inspector Elston, who prosecuted, asked for 48 hours' remand in order to allow the defendant to prove that he was an American citizen. The American Consul here had been notified and he had asked for 48 hours to obtain more information.

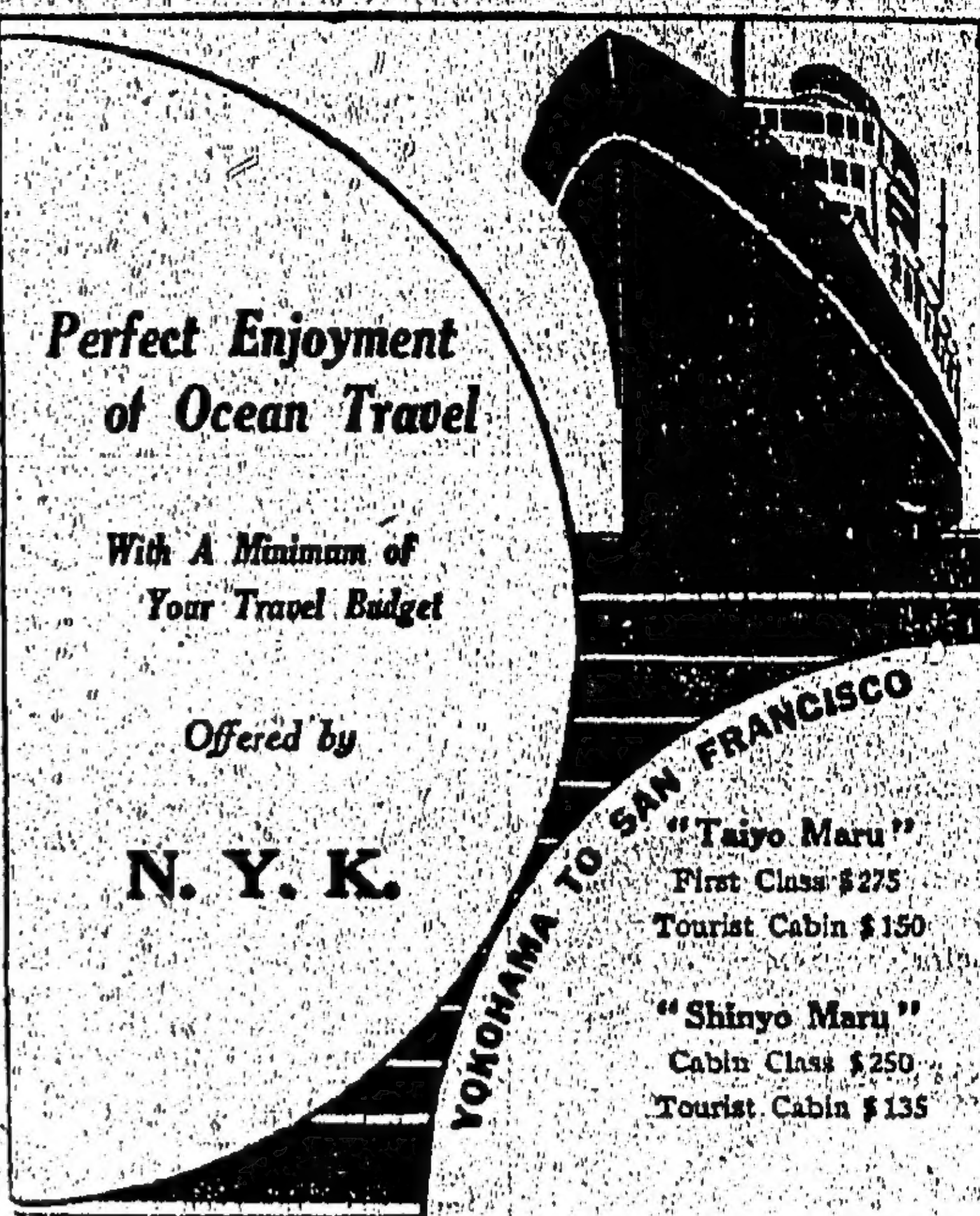
His Worship remanded the case for 48 hours and ordered the defendant to be kept in police custody, with free access to his Consul.

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## THE HELIKON SUSPECTS.

### INVESTIGATIONS STILL GOING ON.

The three suspects from the s.s. Helikon, who were arrested over the week-end, are still in police custody, the investigations into the case not having been completed.

It will be recalled that sometime after the ship had left for Saigon on Friday, a man who had contemplated making the trip on the vessel made a report to the agents to the effect that he had seen a man on board armed with a revolver. The police were subsequently informed and they communicated with the Naval authorities who despatched the destroyer

Stormcloud in pursuit of the Helikon, which by that time, was well out at sea.

About six o'clock in the evening, the Stormcloud got within sight of the Helikon, when someone on board the latter vessel was seen to dump two sacks overboard—one from the port side and the other from the starboard. The destroyer drew alongside, the steamer took her back to harbour under escort when the police boarded her and for two hours carried out investigations on board. As a result, two men and a woman were arrested and although no arms were found on board, the three are still held under suspicion, as they came from the notorious Binh Tay district.



**"A CROWN SUBTERFUGE"****COUNSEL'S VIGOROUS ATTACK ON  
NEW DEPORTATION ORDER.****ALLEGES ELEVENTH-HOUR MOVE TO  
CIRCUMVENT DEFEAT.**

Political and non-political grounds as to why a second deportation order made by the Governor-in-Council in the case of the Annamite refugee was had were placed by Mr. Jenkin before the Full Court at the continued hearing yesterday.

Counsel submitted that the issue of the second order was made at the eleventh hour when the Crown were in the "death throes," and that it was a patent substitute to circumvent certain and imminent defeat.

A new affidavit filed by the applicant stated that the object of the Hong Kong Government in taking proceedings to deport him was to secure his surrender to the French authorities of Indo-China, where his offence was punishable by death.

**"SHAM UNDER CLOAK OF DEPORTATION."**

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. F. H. Losby, of Messrs. Biss & Co., is applying before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kopp) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Lindell) for a writ of *habeas corpus* order nisi on behalf of Sung Man Cho, who is alleged to be an Annamite revolutionary leader wanted by the French Government of Indo-China, and whose deportation has been ordered by a French vessel. The Attorney-General (the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.) is opposing the application.

Presenting his arguments, Mr. Jenkin said that he would first of all make a summary of the points under two heads, political and non-political, and he enumerated them as follows:

1.—The Courts have jurisdiction to prevent the mis-use of Executive power. This argument will apply to both deportation orders, which I shall call numbers one and two.

The orders are invalid as an abuse of powers conferred upon the local Executive. Each order is a sham in that, under the cloak of deportation, the Executive is, in truth, attempting to surrender the applicant to the French Authorities for an offence of a political character.

2.—Even if the orders themselves are valid in that, on their face, they do not disclose the duplicity, the subsequent shipping orders—to use that phrase comprehensively—of the Governor, that applicant shall be shipped on a French ship bound for Indo-China, are invalid and making an illegality.

3.—(a) The object of the Deportation Ordinance is deportation pure and simple—the getting out of the Colony of any "unwelcome guests."

(b) If there is any provision in the Deportation Ordinance capable of the interpretation that it allows this course of conduct on the part of the Executive, it is wholly void and inoperative by reason of the Colonial Laws Validity Act, 1933.

In Conflict With Imperial Acts.

(c) The reason for this is that if "such a provision exists it is in direct conflict with the Imperial Extradition Acts, which are part and parcel of the laws of this Colony, and binding on the Executive."

(d) These latter Acts, in the most express terms forbid such a course as is now being taken by the Executive in sending the applicant to Indo-China for an offence of a political character.

4.—The proviso to section six of the Deportation Ordinance cannot avail the Executive, although it is argued here by the Crown that it expressly permits the proposed course to be validly taken, except when extradition proceedings have been actually commenced and resulted in a discharge.

5.—The second order is bad as is everything done under it because, (a) after issuing the first order the Executive exhausted its power to issue any further deportation order against this applicant at the present period.

(b) The second order was issued during the currency of the first order. There cannot be two separate orders outstanding at the same time for the same purpose.

A Subterfuge.

(c) The issue of the second order, before instead of after, the applicant's discharge, on the first order, is a subterfuge to avoid the pitfall of, again, arresting, for the same cause, a person discharged on *habeas corpus*.

(d) The second order can be made only if the Governor-in-Council considers it conducive to the public good and in a special case. The making of a second order was not impelled by any such considerations.

(e) The order was not made at a duly convened or constituted meeting of the Governor-in-Council.

(f) The improper intervention by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs invalidates the second order as well as the first.

Mr. Jenkin added that he was much obliged to their Lordships for taking down the points so carefully in case a matter of this moment might have to go elsewhere. In the course of quoting authorities, Counsel submitted that the Courts would jealously guard the rights of political offenders who were living within the protection of our laws, whatever their nationality, and would prevent mis-use of Executive power.

Political Offences.

In dealing with the deportation laws, Mr. Jenkin said that up to 1906 there was no power to deport any person. There were on the Statute books a few cases for expulsion, but the rights for expulsion were treated as non-existent. In 1905, by the Aliens Act of that year, the powers of expulsion, but it was important to note that they put on the Act a prohibition for expulsion of any person for a political offence, thereby perpetuating, as Lord Clarendon when British Foreign Minister declared, no consideration on earth could induce the British Parliament to pass a law for extradition of political prisoners.

While in a case, previously quoted, it was not clear that the person concerned was a political offender, it was clear in the case of Sung Man Cho from the interrogations by the S.C.A. official, whose affidavit Counsel proceeded to read, that the applicant was an Annamite revolutionary leader.

Punishable by Death.

The new affidavit filed by the applicant before the day's proceedings, was then read by Counsel. It contained the following statement:

"I am 36 years of age. I was born at Tong Hing City in the Province of Kwangtung, China."

"I have been closely identified with the revolutionary movement in Annam and Indo-China generally, which movement has for its object the overthrow of all French Governmental authority there which is supreme, and to substitute therefor a National Government under native authority."

"I was actively engaged in this movement for some time prior to the date of my arrest in Hong Kong on June 6, 1931."

"To take part in such a movement is to be guilty, according to such Governmental authority, of an offence warranting punishment by death."

"I am wanted by the French authorities in Indo-China for this offence."

"At my third interview with the Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, he told me that the petition referred to in paragraph 8 of my affirmation, sworn on the 14th August, 1931, was undeniable proof that I was Nguyen Ai Quoc and that the best advice he could give me and the best thing I could do was to admit that I was the man. He said: 'It will be favourable for your defence.'"

"At the same interview the same official showed me a newspaper cutting reporting an item from a foreign newspaper that although extradition for a political offence is contrary to international law the Hong Kong Government could hand Nguyen Ai Quoc to the French by sending him on board a French steamer. He told me: 'That is what we will do.'"

"The true object of the Hong Kong Government in taking proceedings to deport me is to secure my surrender to the French authorities of Indo-China in order that I may be dealt with by such authorities for the aforesaid offence."

**Avoiding Court Proceedings.**

Elaborating his fourth point, Mr. Jenkin said that if extradition proceedings had been carried through and the applicant had been discharged, the Governor was debarred from sending the man to the requisitioning territory. The claim now made that the Crown were entitled to send him to a place which had asked for his extradition, Counsel submitted, was a subterfuge to avoid the carrying of the proceedings through Court.

Dealing with non-political points, Mr. Jenkin said that the Governor-in-Council had power to make one deportation order only against any named person, with the exception that he could make a further order if the person was found in the Colony after the expiration of the term of his banishment. There could not be two orders in existence at the same time against the same person and for the same purpose.

There was no jurisdiction to issue a second order until the first order had been discharged. Assuming that the first order had been discharged, the man could not be re-arrested after a successful application by writ of *habeas corpus*.

Counsel continued that the second order was made on Saturday, August 15, at the eleventh hour when it was realised that the man would be discharged. That could not place the Crown in a better position by the employment of this subterfuge. If the man was arrested upon the same cause or pretext the second time, then that second arrest was illegal.

"Abuse of Power."

The Ordinance allowed the Governor-in-Council to make a summary order in a special case if he deemed it to be conducive to the public good. That must be the sole motive in making the order. If the Governor-in-Council was not moved by any considerations at all, then the making of that order was an abuse of power. Counsel submitted that it was an order made on Saturday, August 15, when the Crown were in their death throes in regard to the last order, and that the second order was a patent substitute to circumvent their certain and imminent defeat.

Proceeding to deal with the powers of the Governor-in-Council, Mr. Jenkin referred to the instructions laying it down that the Executive Council had to be duly convened with a quorum of three members. Instruction 8 stated that the Governor should attend and preside unless prevented owing to illness or other grave cause.

Mr. Jenkin said that he was quite in the dark and did not know what happened in Government circles in August 15. The Attorney-General had stated that the order was made and served on that day. Counsel added: "We have been favoured under the present régime with what one might call a Court Circular, which one peruses with a varying degree of interest every Monday morning, and it states that the Governor presided over a meeting of the Executive Council. One finds difficulty in finding that a meeting took place on that Saturday, and if they tried to hold one they would have found difficulty in getting a quorum."

The Attorney-General being temporarily absent from the Court, the Chief Justice pointed out that the matter could be explained on his return. Mr. Jenkin agreed and proceeded to his last point.

Improper Intervention.

Dealing with the intervention of the applicant at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Mr. Jenkin said that he would put it to their Lordships that if the improper intervention of Sung Man Cho, which the Court had already upheld, resulted in the Governor-in-Council having before him, and having it prior to making the second order, material which should never have been put before him, that must invalidate the second order as well as the first. He (Mr. Jenkin) would put it to their Lordships with some confidence that it was not conceivable that the Governor-in-Council on Saturday (August 15) deliberated from the mind everything which had gone before and started *de novo* and as though no inquiry had taken place. If the material before the first order must vitiate the second.

Mr. Jenkin had closed his arguments when the Court adjourned until this morning.

**HONG KONG STOCK  
MARKET.****YESTERDAY'S TRANSACTIONS.**

The Stock Market was steady yesterday morning and there was a demand for most stocks.

Banks were the medium of sales at \$9.00, as were Bank of East Asia at \$134.50.

Underwriters were done at \$6. There were sellers at Douglas at \$24, but without business.

Wharves were transacted at \$163.

Providents were recorded at Saturday's rates.

Kotels changed hands at \$17.45, sellers asking \$17.75, and at the close there were buyers at \$17.50. For the new shares, \$10.75 was bid but sellers wanted \$17.10 and there was no sale to report.

Land were dealt in at \$901, but buyers were offering this figure at the end.

Shanghai Lands were in demand at \$41, but nothing passed.

Realities were wanted at \$17.30, but nothing was realised.

Ties were put through at the improved quotations of Tis. 15.20 and Tis. 15.00. Buyers at Tis. 15.00 were unable to obtain shares.

There were buyers of Trans at \$31.50 who could not connect.

China Lights were in strong demand at \$29.10.

Telephones (fully paid) were in demand at \$47, but no shares came out.

Canton Ices were wanted at \$5.10, but the rate did not lead to business.

Cements (combined) were negotiated at \$20.25, and at the close buyers were offering \$20.20, but failed to get shares.

Hong Kong Ropes changed hands at \$21.40 and \$21.45, and there were still buyers at \$21.30.

Constructions were disposed of at \$13.20.

There were sellers of Government Loan at \$1 per cent. premium.

Afternoon's Transactions.

In the afternoon the market was firm. Prices advanced in several directions, especially in Trans, China Lights, Cements, Ropes and Realities. The following are the changes:

Banks again changed hands at the morning rate of \$2.00.

Providents had sellers at the slightly reduced quotation of \$8.10.

Kotels (old) could have been obtained at \$17.65, but buyers did not go higher than \$17.50.

Humphreys—(old)—were put through at \$23.

Hong Kong Realities at the advanced price of \$17.50 changed hands.

Ropes were transacted at Tis. 15, and at Tis. 15.00, but there were buyers at the former rate who had to remain unsatisfied.

Young Kings advanced to a buying figure of \$12, but this quotation did not lead to business.

Trans were in demand at \$1.35, and it was reported that business had been at \$21.00.

China Lights were again a strong market. Sales were put through at rates ranging from \$28.10 to \$28.50, and there were still buyers at \$28.25.

Telephones (part paid) improved to a buying quotation of \$33.25, but this did not procure shares.

Cements were in demand at \$20.40, with sellers asking \$20.50. Sales were reported to have been done at \$20.40 and \$20.50.

Hong Kong Ropes, which were the medium of sales at \$21.50, were in demand at \$21.35.

Dairy Farms were dealt in at \$32.45, and at the close buyers were offering \$32.25.

Watsons were done at \$16.60, but there were still buyers at this rate.

Government Loan stock was transacted at \$1 per cent. premium.

MONEY BY FALSE  
PRETENCES.

DOUGLAS GIFFORD GETS  
SIX MONTHS' HARD.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Douglas Gifford pleaded guilty to four charges of obtaining money by false pretences. Defendant was sentenced to terms totalling six months' hard labour.

Inspector Fallon, who prosecuted, said that the defendants had two previous convictions. His brother and sister were in Hong Kong but they would have nothing to do with him.

The charges were: (1) obtaining a sum of \$5 from a woman named Kwan-fun, at Nga Tan village, by pretending that he was a policeman and saying that if the woman did not pay him this sum she would have to pull down certain pig-sties; (2) obtaining a sum of \$5 from Kung Chun at Shuk Yu Ling village by similar means, pretending that he was a Sanitary Department officer; (3) obtaining a sum of \$3 from Cheng King, of Tai Yat Hang village, in a similar manner, by pretending that he was a Sanitary Department officer; and (4) obtaining a sum of \$1 from Leung Tai-shan, at Po Kwong village, in the same way.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

[All letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer (not for publication, unless so directed, but on evidence of good faith.—Ed.)]

**ICE HOUSE STREET.**

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—I wonder if the daily congestion of Ice House Street between Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road has ever come to the attention either of the police or the "Powers That Be." Rickshaws are parked there at all hours of the day and crowds gather to such an extent that it is impossible to use the roadway for traffic purposes.

I have never seen such obstruction allowed in any city or township. In any other place, if such a condition arose the police would at once clear the way. It is a shame that any public thoroughfare should be reserved for any one class of citizens, no matter who they are. Of course if Hong Kong is keeping Ice House street as a bit of local colour, or to show how prosperous and busy our fair city is, that is a matter of high policy for the Government to decide. But if we are to keep our only bit of local colour let us bar the common herd from the use of the street in question.—Yours, etc.

PEDESTRIAN.  
Hong Kong, August 24.

**THE COMING CRICKET  
SEASON.**

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—As the cricket season is fast approaching, it would not be out of place if I made the following suggestion through the medium of your valuable paper in the hope that it will "catch the eye" of the officials of the local Cricket League.

I have followed local cricket very closely for many years and the report of the Cricket League always interests me. Unless I am mistaken, they (the League) have a balance of some \$900 on the right side, and in there seems to be no immediate need for this money, it would be a good idea if the League were to hire one of the many Cricket Instructional films that are being shown in the different Clubs and Schools in England. Such films could be hired out to the various Clubs and Schools here, and in this way, the initial outlay would soon be met. Cricketers in Hong Kong, especially school boys, are badly handicapped through the lack of coaches and the film would make a very good makeshift coach.

Another point I would like to bring up is the lack of representative matches for players in the second division of the league. Year in and year out, "Combined League" matches are arranged for the 1st division teams while the juniors are sadly neglected. Cannot something be done for them this season?—Yours, etc.

"VERY KEEN."  
Hong Kong, August 24.

**GANGSTERS OR HOAX.**

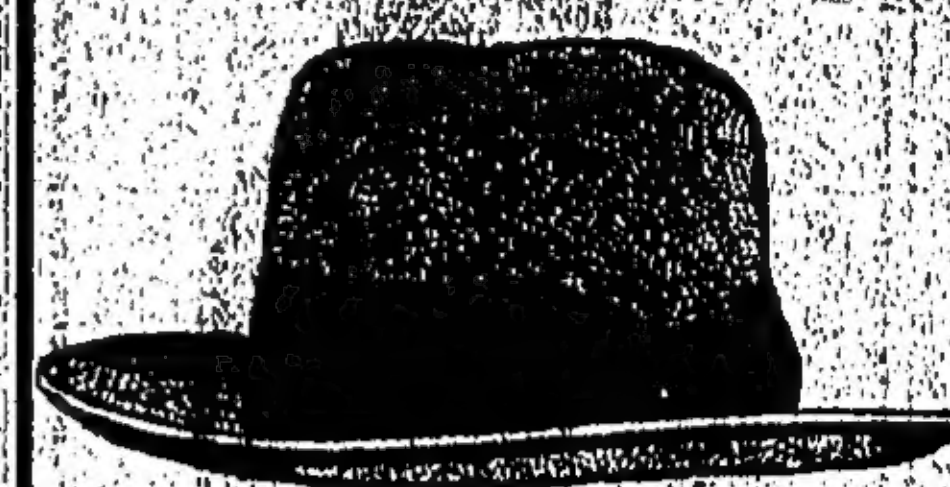
THREATENING LETTER TO  
CANTON DOCTOR.

Considerable stir was caused on Saturday in certain quarters at Canton when it became known that Dr. Wong Hang Tong, a well-known medical practitioner, had received a letter purporting to come from a bandit gang, which demanded the sum of one thousand dollars in Hong Kong currency to be paid by him on the twenty-fifth of the present month.

The bandits seem to have adopted the methods employed by certain American gangsters, for they implied in the letter that one of their members would meet the doctor, or his representative, at a certain spot on the Chungshan Road, and that the gang member would be wearing a fresh rose in his buttonhole. The time for the meeting was fixed, together with injunctions as to what would befall the doctor if he failed to comply with the request. Some people are inclined to think it a hoax or a joke, especially when it became known that the bandit had signed the missive by the high-sounding title of "The Round the World Chevaliers of the Youthful Co-operative Society of the Republic of China." However, Dr. Wong has chosen to be on the safe side and has deposited the letter with the authorities and awaits developments. The meeting was to have taken place today.



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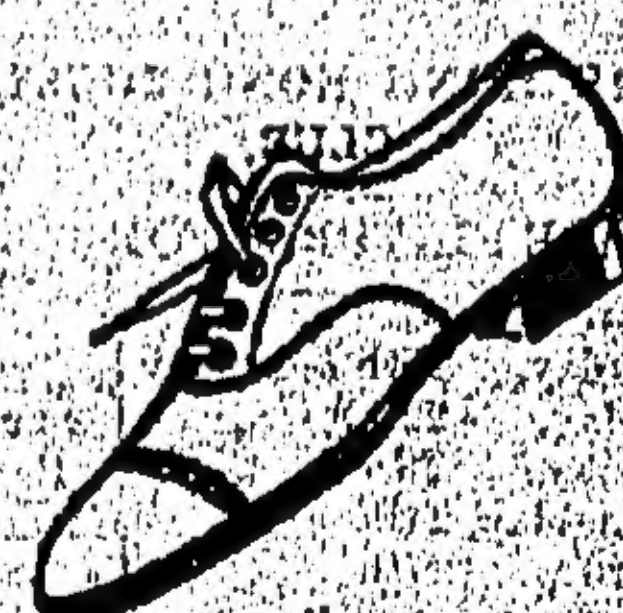
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Hong Kong, 24th Aug., 1931. [1093]

## G. R.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF  
HONG KONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
DOUGLAS G. CAESTERS  
Late of Victoria, in the  
COLONY OF HONG KONG,  
CANTON MANAGER, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Court has, by virtue of  
Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance  
1897 (No. 2 of 1897), made an Order  
limiting the Time for sending in Claims  
to or against the above Estate to the  
12th Day of AUGUST, 1931.  
Creditors and Claimants are hereby  
required to send their Claims to the  
Underigned by the above Date.

Dated this 24th day of August, 1931.  
E. P. H. LANG,  
Official Administrator. [1088]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF  
HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

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CHUNG LAKE OF THE STATE  
OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY  
OF FRESNO IN THE UNITED  
STATE OF AMERICA, LABORER,  
DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Court has, by virtue of  
the Provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance  
No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting  
the Time for Creditors and others to  
send in their Claims against the above  
Estate to 29th DAY OF SEPTEMBER,  
1931.

All Creditors and others are accord-  
ingly hereby required to send their  
Claims to the Underigned on or before  
that Date.

Dated the 20th day of August, 1931.  
JOHNSON STOEK & MASTER,  
Solicitors for the Executors,  
Princes Building,  
Hong Kong. [1100]

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY  
CLUB.

RACE FIXTURES FOR 1932.

Saturday, 20th February	Annual
Monday, 22nd "	Race
Tuesday, 23rd "	Meeting
Wednesday, 24th "	"
Saturday, 27th "	"
Saturday, 6th Mar. 1st Extra Race	Meeting
Saturday, 26th Mar.	2nd do.
Monday, 28th "	do.
Saturday, 9th Apr. 3rd	do.
Saturday, 23rd "	4th do.
Saturday, 30th "	5th do.
Saturday, 14th May	6th do.
Monday, 16th "	do.
Saturday, 28th "	7th do.
Saturday, 11th June 8th	do.
Saturday, 17th Sept. 9th	do.
Saturday, 24th "	10th do.
Saturday, 8th Oct.	do.
Monday, 10th Oct.	11th do.
Saturday, 22nd "	12th do.
Saturday, 5th Nov. 13th	do.
Saturday, 19th "	14th do.
Saturday, 3rd Dec. 15th	do.
Saturday, 10th "	16th do.

By Order,  
C. R. BROWN,  
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Hong Kong, 24th Aug., 1931. [1096]

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## BIRTH.

BARDEN.—On August 19, at Shau-  
hai, to Captain and Mrs. S. J.  
BARDEN, a son.

## DEATH.

DEARN.—On August 9, at London,  
JOHN JAMES HOLLAND DEARN,  
aged 84 years.

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Tel. 24811.  
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E.C. 4.

## The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, August 25, 1931.

A MORE COSMOPOLITAN  
SPIRIT NEEDED.

In spite of the continuous and energetic efforts of succeeding generations of Government officials, notably Sir Cecil Clementi, and other public-spirited residents, to weld more firmly together the many different nationalities which go to make up the population of Hong Kong, there is no use in shutting our eyes to the fact that very little success has been achieved. It has been the custom to lay the fault at the door of so-called British snobbery, but Chinese conservatism and suspicion of foreigners are, we suggest, quite as much to blame. The large and prosperous Portuguese community, who have taken no small share in building Hong Kong's prosperity, have always kept to themselves, as have the Indians and other nationals. The result is that the social life of the different nationalities in the Colony is divided into water tight compartments, between which sport is the main communicating door.

This state of affairs was probably at the back of certain very pertinent remarks, made by Sir Cecil Clementi at a recent tiffin of the Singapore Rotary Club, which suggest a new and vitally important field for Rotary activities in Hong Kong. To quote Sir Cecil:—  
"The successful formation of Rotary Clubs in Singapore and in other towns of the Malay Peninsula has given me very keen pleasure, for I consider such clubs to be among the best means of preserving the harmony which so happily exists between all races and creeds in this country. Nothing has caused me greater anxiety in other parts of the British Empire in which I have served than the fact that the communities of different races there resident, although in daily contact with each other, nevertheless move, as it were, in separate worlds without any real comprehension of each other's mode of life or ways of thought. This is a most unfortunate circumstance, and from it spring many regrettable misunderstandings, which retard the social, moral, and intellectual—and even

the commercial and material—progress of those countries. It is essential that ways and means should be found for breaking down these partition walls between various communities inhabiting the same land, and a club such as this is one of the best means to that end."

When Sir Cecil was Governor of Hong Kong, he expressed practically the same sentiments when he proposed the formation of a Concordia Club, in which members of all the different nationalities in the Colony could meet in social and intellectual equality. Can the Rotary movement take the place of the Concordia Club? We think not, though it can go very far in achieving Sir Cecil's far-sighted ideal. It is certainly the basis on which a firm structure could be built of amity and mutual esteem. The Sports Club, Jockey Club, and several other sporting institutions, in which all nationalities are eligible for membership, are steps in the right direction. It is not sufficient, however, that British and Chinese sit side by side for an hour every Tuesday at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant or mix for a short time over a couple of drinks at the Sports Club. Where we of Hong Kong all seem to feel a great shyness is in the matter of our homes. Many of us, and here we refer to members of all the races, that comprise Hong Kong, are most anxious for an interchange of hospitality, but a diffidence in making the first step seems to hold us back. A notable lead is being given in official circles in Hong Kong, and with great success, but as yet this is practised to a very limited extent.

The greatest obstacle in the past has been the language problem but this is no longer a valid excuse. Generally speaking, it must be admitted that British residents have made no effort to learn the Chinese language and it is to the credit of the well educated Chinese, that they have counteracted this disability by making themselves conversant with English. It must be admitted that they have more than met us half way in this respect, for which we should be grateful.

The language barrier therefore, is no longer existent and there appears no reason why the different races should not enjoy better mutual understanding and social intercourse. To quote again Sir Cecil Clementi:—  
"More from laziness than anything else, they (Europeans) take refuge in the quotation that 'East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet,' and they forget that Kipling also wrote in the same poem:—  
"But there is neither East nor West, border, nor breed nor birth,  
"When two strong men stand face to face though they come from the ends of the earth."

CONTRIVIS put it even better when he said:—  
"Within the four seas all are brethren."

## THE SQUARE PEG.

According to Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, a former British Minister of Education, and now Warden of New College, Oxford, when speaking in London on educational topics, most of the world's workers of to-day are inclined to think that they would have worked better if they had been working at something else. "It is the exception rather than the rule," suggested Mr. Fisher. "To find an individual whose tastes and inclinations do not run outside the narrow sphere of his or her duties." It is probably true that if it is also probably true that if the "tastes and inclinations" were transferred to the sphere of work they might become far less attractive. "Oh, the brave music of a distant drum!" but when the drum sounds daily, as the call to duty it may lose much of its present charm. Still, it is true that there must be more square pegs to round holes than there ever were before—if only because there are so many more different kinds of holes waiting to be filled. "When Adam delved and Eve span" there was room for far less hoarding.

on that score. There was the task and there the toll, and not very much choice about who was to do it. But we in these later and less pastoral times have gone aside for many inventions; we have increased the opportunities for disappointment on the part of those who feel that the wrong one has come their way. If, as Mr. Fisher suggested, the teacher really feels that he ought to have been a hospital matron, and the clergyman thinks that he should have trained his voice up to opera standard, their cases are undoubtedly ones for sympathy; few things are more exhausting than to be tied for ever to the wrong task. But, as already hinted, a good deal of it may be imagination; the other man's job might be nothing like so attractive as close quarters. And if the modern world, by multiplying the tasks, has multiplied the grievances, it has also one redeeming point to the opportunities for leisure so that most of us have the chance to cultivate as recreations those "tastes and inclinations" which might not prove so permanently agreeable if they were harnessed to a job of work.

## Unselfishness Rewarded.

The following little story concerning the unselfishness of a Chinese workman comes to us from Canton. Owing to a lack of trade, a Canton furniture dealer decided to dismiss one of his staff. It was only fair that the man to be discharged should be the man last employed. This happened to be a married man with a family to support, and realising this, another employee, who had been with the firm a number of years, volunteered to resign in favour of the married man. The story soon got about and the unselfish workman was only unemployed for a short while. To-day he is permanently employed at a higher salary than that which he was receiving in his previous position.

## ★ News and Views ★

## Warm Work.

"You ought to have a thorough cleaning," snapped the irate old gentleman. "I wish I were your father." "Well, sir, you can't," said the youngster. "My mother's a widow."

## Whipsnade.

Ever since the great traffic jam of Whitman the authorities at Whipsnade have been plotting to secure that for the August Bank Holiday there shall be no jam at all, says a London paper. Huge parking spaces have been secured, roads have been widened, notices have been plunked on every tree, and a vast force of constabulary will be drafted into the area to instruct the people how and where they should go. It is expected that some 50,000 visitors will attend, and one hundred giant waste-paper baskets have been ordered to cope with the litter of the multitude.

## Mr. MacDonald in Germany.

The visit of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald to Berlin has had a tonic effect, says a London paper. It administered a whiff of oxygen which was sorely needed. The German people now realise that they have a firm friend in Downing Street. This gives them hope. In a situation as hysterical as that prevailing in Berlin decisive sympathy of this nature has a practical effect. The Germans do know that at least one Great Power ardently desires their recovery. This is the sort of mission which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald fulfils to perfection. He is solid, he is sturdy, he is practical; yet with all he displays an almost feminine sympathy, and a delicate human understanding of other people's problems.

## Bibliothèque Française.

The excellent library of French Books in the French Consulate, Alexandria Building, has recently been enriched by the addition of a considerable number of new volumes, technical books, classics and light novels. The library contains over 3,500 carefully chosen books, and the membership fee is \$1 per month. The treasurer of the library Y. Segalen Esq. 6/6 Banque de l'Indo-Chine would be pleased to give further details to any one interested. Further reference, en français, is made on Page 6.

## Childbirth Drug Success.

Following two years' exhaustive experiments, obstetricians of the Sloane Hospital, New York, have evolved a new method of reducing the pains of childbirth which makes the ordeal virtually without pain for the woman, and is without danger to either mother or child. The method, first introduced in Germany, involves the use of a drug called Pernocin, which experts forecast will eventually be used universally. Experiments show that with the use of Pernocin the mother feels some slight pain, though she does not remember it afterwards. The drug is thus regarded as better than twilight sleep, and other so-called "painless" methods. The hospital has used the drug for the last six months in the majority of cases. Pernocin is administered as soon as the pain becomes acute. The woman thereupon falls asleep, and the effects of the drug last from two to four hours, after which the injection can be safely repeated if desired. While twilight sleep has been found to affect babies deleteriously, Pernocin does not affect the infant in any way.

## ★ Local Notes and Events ★

## From the Files.

## Looking Back 25 Years.

There was a strong muster of merrie Englishmen and others at St. George's Club on Saturday night, when a most successful smoking concert was held. Although in its infancy, the Club is not like a sickly child requiring all sorts of attention to uphold it in the days of childhood. Rather it is like the robust boy who knows not what illness means. Started but a few months ago, St. George's Club is now a flourishing institution with a large membership, which bids fair to increase. This satisfactory position has been brought about by the energy of the committee and the enthusiasm of the members who pull together for the advancement of the club. Those who attended the "smoker" on Saturday night will have no doubt about this. The best of good-fellowship prevailed, and the flower of the Colony's musical talent, both of the sentimental and comic order, contributed to the night's pleasure. During the interval on the programme Mr. A. Cunningham, Chairman of the Club, presented the prizes won in the last billiard tournament. Mr. Percy Browne, of Messrs. Lane Crawford & Co., was handed the handsome cup which went to the winner. The Chairman in presenting it congratulated Mr. Browne, who received the trophy amid the unstinted applause of the large gathering. — Hong Kong Daily Press, August 25, 1906.

## Looking Back 50 Years.

Either Sir John Pope Hennessy has no genuine desire to promote harmony between the British and Foreign and the Chinese communities in this Colony or he is most lamentably lacking in all the qualities that go to make a successful ruler of men. When His Excellency first arrived in this Colony the community generally were anxious to accord him every chance of achieving distinction here as an administrator. Instead of seizing the opportunity, the Governor almost immediately set to work to inaugurate a policy calculated indeed to please the fanatical Humanitarians at home, but which could not, however gracefully carried out, be altogether welcome to the residents in the Colony. Some of his acts might, however, have been approved, others would have excited little opposition, and though in the main His Excellency must necessarily have found himself at issue with the British and Foreign community he need not have been personally unpopular. His Excellency instead of seeking to perpetuate and increase the good feeling existing between the British and Chinese races before his arrival, has done his best to raise up a barrier between them, and would have succeeded, no doubt, but for the good sense of both. — Hong Kong Daily Press, August 25, 1951.

A junk master was fined \$25 by Comdr. Hole at the Marine Court yesterday for leaving the harbour without obtaining a clearance. The defendant stated that he was ordered to go to Castle Peak on Saturday afternoon and as the Harbour Office was closed he could not get clearance papers.

When charged before the Marine Magistrate yesterday with causing an obstruction at the gateway of St. George's Club, a boatman pleaded not guilty, saying that he was engaged in loading cargo to his boat at the time of his arrest. He did not hear any warning to clear the way, but the Magistrate held that the man had no business to load in such a manner and imposed a fine of \$20 or 14 days' imprisonment.

## Assault or Accident?

The police are investigating the case of a dock labourer who was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from head injuries. Fellow workers stated that the man fell down the hold of the steamer Wo Ping Yee but the captain of the vessel said that he heard the man crying that he was being assaulted and later found him in the hold of the ship. The ship was docked at the Chuet On wharf at the time.

Before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday, a young Chinese, described as the son of well-to-do parents, was charged with the alleged theft of a topoi at the Chinese Bathing Club Pavilion on Saturday. Mr. H. C. Macnamara who appeared for the defence applied for a remand and bail. The police stated that the topoi was valued at \$3.50 and defendant was remanded for a week, bail being granted in the sum of \$50.

The tenant of a tea shop at Lokmachau, New Territories, was aroused early on Sunday morning by a knock at the door. A man asked for admission stating that he wanted to buy cakes. He was admitted, and then seized the tenant by the throat and forced him back on the bed. The latter was terrified and the robber calmly searched a drawer and walked away with an electric torch and \$4.40 in money.

## Passport Not Valid.

L. I. Niadus, a young Russian, appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court yesterday charged with entering the Colony without a valid passport. The defendant stated that he had had a passport but had lost it on the way from Hong Kong to Canton. He did not report the matter to the officials of the ship and had returned to Hong Kong to make arrangements to obtain another passport. His Worship suggested that he be remanded for a week for the police to make inquiries in Canton but the defendant stated that he was willing to pay the cost of a cablegram, a reply to which would be received to-day. The case was adjourned for 24 hours.

At Central Magistrate's yesterday a Chinese was charged with returning to the Colony from banishment, and after it was disclosed that he had committed the same offence for the seventh time during the past nine years, he was given a term of eight months' hard labour by Mr. E. H. Williams.

## Fled to a Tree.

Chan Hing, fook in the Yuen Lee general stores, made a report to the police to the effect that he was attacked by three men at the top of Sai Kong Road, whilst he was carrying two baskets of beef and pork from Kowloon City to the Sai Kong district. The men accused him of stealing the meat and after they found him in a tree, they made away with the baskets and the contents.

When a Chinese appeared before Mr. Hamilton at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, it was stated that he boarded the s.s. Santhia with out permission, and also that he was found trying to break open a safe on board. After evidence was taken, the man was given a term of one month's imprisonment on the first charge and six months on the second count; the sentences to run concurrently.



# LABOUR GOVERNMENT RESIGNS.

## RAMSAY MACDONALD TO LEAD NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

LORD IRWIN FOREIGN SECRETARY.

TEN CABINET MINISTERS REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW REGIME.

(REUTER AND BRITISH WIRELESS.)

LONDON, August 24.

The crisis has ended, stated Mr. Ramsay MacDonald after negotiating with Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Sir Herbert Samuel at Downing Street this afternoon, after which Mr. MacDonald proceeded to Buckingham Palace to tender his resignation.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, has tendered his resignation.

Mr. R. MacDonald informed the Cabinet at its final meeting that a National Government would be formed with himself as Prime Minister.

An official from Buckingham Palace says that the formation of a National Government is being considered. It is quite possible that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald himself will head the National Government, but the latter means the exclusion of Mr. Henderson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Clynes and others who opposed the cuts in the Social services. Mr. Henderson's resignation will be particularly awkward in view of his prominence at the League of Nations and his election as Chairman of the Disarmament Conference, but it is not unlikely that Mr. R. MacDonald will take his place.

Lord Irwin is mentioned as the next Foreign Secretary.

### LABOUR MOVEMENT WEAKENED.

Mr. MacDonald will head the National Government in which Mr. Stanley Baldwin has offered to serve. These developments mean a disruption of the Labour Party and Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Snowden will forfeit the already wavering confidence of their many supporters, while the final result of the crisis will be to weaken the Labour movement in Britain.

The seriousness of the split is shown by the fact that ten Cabinet Ministers decline to participate in the National Government including Mr. Henderson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Lansbury, who will carry with them a large part of the Labour members of Parliament.

A coalition of Conservatives and Liberals would have commanded 320 votes against Labour's 286; but the National Government will command a far larger vote.

### POLITICIANS VISIT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

Rugby, August 24.

At the request of His Majesty the King the heads of political parties visited Buckingham Palace this morning. The Conservative leader, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, who was accompanied by his private secretary, and the acting leader of the Liberals, Sir Herbert Samuel, had already arrived, when, at ten o'clock, the Prime Minister reached Buckingham Palace. Later they left Buckingham Palace for Downing Street where a further meeting of the Cabinet was at once held.

The Cabinet meeting lasted only half an hour. It is understood that members of the Cabinet have placed their resignation at the advice of the Prime Minister and it is reported that he will form a National Government representative of all three political parties to carry out the measures necessary to balance the Budget.

### CONFERENCE WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS.

After a week-end of important conferences it was anticipated that to-day's events would prove decisive. Yesterday's events had an important bearing on to-day's developments. The visit paid by the Prime Minister to the King, soon after his return to London, was followed, on the Premier's advice, by calls at Buckingham Palace, yesterday afternoon, by leaders of the Conservative and Liberal Parties. These events were followed by a meeting of the Cabinet at No. 10, Downing Street, last night. It lasted for nearly four hours before it dispersed when the Prime Minister again visited the King. On his return to Downing Street the Opposition leaders were called in conference by Mr. MacDonald.

The following announcement was made from Buckingham Palace this afternoon: "His Majesty the King invited the Prime Minister (Mr. R. MacDonald), Mr. Stanley Baldwin, and Sir Herbert Samuel to Buckingham Palace this morning, and the formation of a National Government is under consideration."

### A National Government?

LONDON, Aug. 23.

Reuter understands that conversations between Party leaders at Downing Street to-night, after the Cabinet meeting, related to the formation of a National Government.

The Labour Government has not yet resigned, but resignation, it is understood, is contemplated, and it is believed that arrangements are under discussion with a view to drawing up a constitution for the new administration in which all Parties will be represented.

Important Sunday Cabinet Meeting.

Rugby, Aug. 23.

Great importance attaches to the decision of the Cabinet which assembled at 10, Downing Street, at seven o'clock this evening, for the first Sunday meeting of the Cabinet Council, which has been held for many years.

The significance of this meeting was indicated in a communiqué

## GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO GANDHI.

LARGE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS BASELESS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Simla, Aug. 23.

Gandhi's complaints of breaches by the authorities of the Delhi Peace, including allegations that the local governments have been pursuing a policy of oppression against Congress, and sensational stories of the stripping and ill-treatment of women, have elicited a detailed reply from the Government of India.

The statement issued by the Government shows that a large number of complaints were entirely baseless, and that many others have been grossly misrepresented or exaggerated.

In other cases where action has to be taken owing to illegal or inflammatory activities on the part of adherents of the Indian Congress Party, no breach of the settlement was involved, and the action taken did not exceed the requirements of the situation.

Gandhi to Visit Viceroy.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Rugby, Aug. 23.

After returning to Simla from Calcutta, the Viceroy called a meeting of the Executive Council, when consideration was given to Mr. Gandhi's telegram assuring His Excellency of his desire to prevent a breakdown of the Delhi Peace.

It was later announced from Bombay that Gandhi has accepted the Viceroy's invitation to visit Simla for a personal interview to clear up misunderstandings, and has left Ahmedabad.

Mr. Gandhi will be received by the Viceroy on Tuesday.

It was intimated from Downing Street there would be no statement to-night.

Objection to Economy Proposals.

LONDON, Aug. 24.

The arrival of the Opposition leaders so late after the Cabinet meeting is interpreted almost generally as meaning that the Prime Minister failed to win over the minority of opponents to the Economy Committee's proposals, and that attempts are being made to form a National Government in which all parties will be represented.

The efforts are likely to be continued to-morrow (Monday). The resignation of the Government is expected to be announced to-morrow.

### Cabinet Split.

There has been strong opposition in the Cabinet to the economy proposals which the Prime Minister and some of his leading colleagues, including Mr. Snowden, deem necessary to meet the financial situation.

Much of the Cabinet's time to-night was doubtless devoted to a fruitless effort to secure Cabinet unity.

The report that the formation of a National Government was being attempted was the climax to an evening of thrills for the thousands of spectators who, sensing the drama of the occasion, gathered round Buckingham Palace and Downing Street.

### Pale and Depressed.

When Mr. Ramsay MacDonald emerged at 10.15 p.m. from No. 10 and headed towards Buckingham Palace, he was pale, and depressed, and it was assumed that he was conveying his resignation to the King, which opinion was strengthened when he returned so soon.

The idea was, however, dispelled when the Opposition leaders arrived and it was evident that party co-operation was intended.

One of the callers at No. 10, Downing Street was Sir Joseph Stamp, the distinguished economist and director of the Bank of England.

### Midnight Conference.

At midnight a Three Party Conference at Downing Street was proceeding. Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Mr. Neville Chamberlain joined the Premier and Sir Herbert Samuel.

Mr. MacDonald's visit to the King does not infer resignation. Mr. MacDonald spent a quarter of an hour with the King and then returned to Downing Street at 10.40 p.m.

The Cabinet meeting broke up at 10.47 p.m. Sir Herbert Samuel arrived at Downing Street shortly after the return of the Premier from the Palace.

The Cabinet met at 7 p.m. and was still sitting at 10.15 p.m. when Mr. Ramsay MacDonald left Downing Street to go to Buckingham Palace.

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## AMERICAN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

MRS. HELEN MOODY WINS WOMEN'S SINGLES.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.

Though Mrs. Fearnley-Whitting-stall (formerly Miss Eileen Bon-ast) played extremely well, there was no surprise in the final of the American Women's Singles Championship to-day, Mrs. Helen Wills Moody winning in straight sets 6/4, 6/1.

## PRINCE HENRY.

CONDITION SATISFACTORY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Rugby, Aug. 23.

At the conclusion of the visit to Buckingham Palace of the political leaders this afternoon, the King, visited his third son, the Duke of Gloucester, who yesterday underwent an operation for appendicitis at a nursing home at Portland Place.

His Majesty spent some time at the bedside of the royal patient. The following bulletin signed by the surgeon and doctor in attendance was issued this morning: "The Duke of Gloucester has passed a comfortable night as can be expected, and his condition continues to be satisfactory." To-night's bulletin states that the Duke's condition continues satisfactory.

Rugby, Aug. 24.

The following bulletin was issued this morning: "The Duke of Gloucester has had a comfortable night and his condition is satisfactory."

## WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.15 p.m., stated:—

Pressure is relatively high from N.E. China to N.E. Japan. The typhoon is now about 100 miles to the west of Naha, moving westward.

Local Forecast:—W, or variable winds, light to moderate; fine to cloudy; some local thunder showers.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

The following typhoon warning has been received by the American Consulate-General from the Manila Observatory: Manila, Aug. 24, 9.15 a.m.—Typhoon in about 127 deg. Long. E. and 20 deg. Lat. N., moving N.N.W.

## ANGLO-GERMAN WOMEN'S ATHLETICS.

ENGLAND WIN AFTER CLOSE CONTEST.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

HANOVER, Aug. 23.

After a splendid contest here to-day, England won the Anglo-German women's athletics, obtaining 58 points to Germany's 47.

## AMY HOPS OFF FOR LONDON.

LINDBERGH'S AT NEMURO.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TOKYO, Aug. 24.

Amy Johnson hopped off for London at 5.54 a.m. to-day, on the conclusion of her Japan visit.

She landed at Hiroshima at 9.30 a.m. in order to refuel, and left for Seoul at 10.20 a.m.

OSAKA, Aug. 24.

Amy Johnson came back to Hiroshima at 3.48 p.m. from Fusan due to bad weather.

Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh arrived at Nemuro at 7.01 a.m. to-day. They had on the previous evening landed in a swamp in Koshir Island, north of Nemuro.

## ARAB STRIKE IN PALESTINE.

POLICE OFFICER INJURED IN RIOT AT NABLUS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24.

A British police officer was injured on the head and ribs by a shower of stones during the rioting at Nablus, on the occasion of the Arab strike throughout Palestine, as a protest against sealed armories in Jewish villages. The police were obliged to fire at a crowd of demonstrators who refused to disperse. Six demonstrators were seriously injured.

The military have now taken charge, while armoured cars and reinforcements have been summoned.

## TOLAN BEATS OWN RECORD.

100 METRES IN 10 3/10 SECS.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

VANCOUVER, Aug. 24.

The American Eddie Tolan bettered his own world's record covering a hundred metres in 10 3/10 seconds, beating his previous record of 10 2/5 seconds.

## ABYSSINIA TO FREE SLAVES.

TWO MILLION PEOPLE TO BE LIBERATED.

London, Aug. 19.—All slaves in Abyssinia, who it is believed, number two million, are to be liberated. The decision to suppress in his kingdom this old custom of slavery has been reached by Ras Tafari, the Emperor of Abyssinia, who explains his intentions and plans in a letter to the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society in London.

In the picturesque language of the Ethiopian monarch, Ras Tafari reminds the Society that traffic in slaves has already been prohibited, and says that in some of the worst cases of contravening the prohibition the death penalty has been inflicted. His Majesty foresees legislation to facilitate the further step of freeing all slaves still owned by the public, but states a warning that discretion is necessary in dealing with a task of such delicacy. Moreover, "there is," he points out, "a vast difference between slavery as understood in Europe and America and the form in which it exists in Abyssinia, since Abyssinian owners are not averse to seeing slaves held posts, own property, embrace Christianity and learn trades."

The Emperor's intentions, however, are far from being "more talk" and, as an earnest of his sincerity, he has accepted the Society's offer to send a delegation to advise and help in this work.

## DANCED 752 HOURS FOR £100.

GIRL WINNER OF CONTEST WEARS OUT 20 PAIRS OF SHOES.

The Paris "dance marathon" ended at four o'clock last month the winning couple having danced for 752 hours.

The winners are Mr. Ted Stanley, of Miami, Florida, whose partner was a French girl. The reward for their efforts is a prize of £100.

Both had to be carried off the floor when the competition ended. When they were capable of speech they declared: "Never again!"

The girl had worn out 20 pairs of shoes and the young man eight.

The second prize is won by a couple who dropped out on the previous day when the male partner sprained a leg in attempting fancy steps in a semi-conscious condition.

The promoters of the contest, which was held at the Medrano Circus here, declare themselves satisfied with the results, but state that they will not attempt to stage such a contest in London.

The "dancers" who shuffled round the hall to the insistent notes of a gramophone, were allowed a fifteen-minute rest every hour. The circus was open day and night, and spectators encouraged the semi-conscious dancers to greater activity by offering prizes totalling £1,500 on their own account.

## JUNGRAU CLAIMS MORE VICTIMS.

BRITISH MOUNTAINEERS LOSE LIVES IN ASCENT.

Jungfrau, Aug. 23.—Three British mountaineers, Mr. H. E. Polo, Mr. K. Reish, and Mr. E. Downes, were killed to-day while climbing the Jungfrau. They had reached the summit and had started their descent when the accident occurred.

## YANGTZE VALLEY FLOODS.

\$1,000,000 FOR RELIEF WORK.

(Wah Tse Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Aug. 24.

In view of the grave flood situation in Hupei Province, Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has authorized the Nanking Financial Department to appropriate immediately a sum of \$1,000,000 for the relief of the flood sufferers.

## CENTRAL CHINA AN INLAND SEA.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, August 22.

The air-voyage from Nanking to Hankow now is a trans-ocean flight, for central China lies beneath a tideless sea. Under water are countless villages and hundreds of small towns over which junks sail without obstruction. It is a spectacle which is both magnificent and appalling.

An astounding fact is that only one per cent. of foreign property in Hankow is insured against floods and at present it is impossible to estimate the losses arising from damage to property and cargo, but it must run into many millions of dollars. Moreover, business will be at a standstill for months. The tea crop for which central China is famous is ruined; the trees on the hillsides are safe, but the leaf cannot be picked and cured.

Hunger is already working among the refugees. Yesterday when soldiers were engaged in moving a quantity of grain from a godown in the native city, a large body of refugees attacked the soldiers and attempted to seize the grain. A hand to hand fight ensued but other troops arrived in camp and armed with machine-guns and quelled the trouble.

## GERMAN "BLAZING CAR" MYSTERY.

MURDER STAGED IN ORDER TO DRAW INSURANCE MONEY.

Berlin, August 17.—A new sensational insurance murder the third within a period of twelve months, has been unearthed in Southern Germany.

The case started with the discovery of a blazing car near the Black Forest. Spa Herrnhals in which the police found the charred remains of a body who was at first believed to be the owner of the car, a motor dealer from Bingen-on-the-Rhine, named von Locum.

Subsequent inquiries, however, have led the police to the belief that von Locum is still alive and hiding, after having killed a tramp and set fire to his car. It was ascertained that the automobile dealer had committed during the last few months numerous frauds and forgeries, involving some 200 firms; the total amount of over a million marks. It was further more found that von Locum quite recently only some weeks ago took out a heavy insurance policy in case of death by accident, payable to his wife, whose payment has been stopped.

The theory that the dealer may have committed suicide in order to escape his difficulties is ruled out by the fact that during the war he has sustained a skull wound and had a piece of silver fitted into the cranium. Not a trace of silver, however, has been found either on the victim nor in the car, which is taken to be as conclusive evidence the former is not identical with von Locum.

## GERMANY'S NEW CALAMITY.

800,000 MUNICIPAL WORKERS THREATEN STRIKE.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—With the threat of a strike of all municipal employees throughout Germany looming large, Minister of Labour, Dr. Stiegemann, to-night made an eleventh hour attempt to prevent what is generally conceded will be a calamity.

The compromise drawn up by Dr. Stiegemann provides for a sliding system of wage cuts, to take the place of the abrupt wage reductions against which the employees propose to strike. It is, however, doubtful whether this proposal will be accepted as the unions are opposed against any reduction whatsoever, while the municipalities, pressed hard by the Federal Government, insist that wages must come down to conform with the wages paid in the Federal civil service and by the Administration of German Railways.

Of the 800,000 men who would be involved in the strike, nearly 60 per cent. are engaged in public work such as powerplants, gas works and street cleaning.

## KOREAN RIOTS SEQUEL.

CHINA SENDS THIRD NOTE TO JAPAN.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING, Aug. 24.

With reference to the Korean riots, which had their beginning in July during which, according to the Chinese investigations, one hundred and forty Chinese were killed, 1,120 seriously wounded, and the loss of property and goods estimated at \$3,000,000, the Nanking Foreign Office this morning delivered a third Note to the Japanese Minister, Mr. Shigemitsu. The Note insists that the Japanese authorities in Korea failed to give the Chinese nationals proper protection both before and during the outrages, and that the Japanese Government should be held responsible.

The Note further demands that the perpetrators of the outrages and delinquent officials be punished, and demands formal apology from the Japanese Government, compensation for loss of life and property and a guarantee of the non-occurrence of such outrages in future.

## GERMANY AND ALLEGED ARMS DEAL.

FEELING IN CANTON.

(CENTRAL PRESS.)

CANTON, Aug. 23.

The agitation against Germany has gathered momentum, though it is not so serious as generally believed. A meeting at the Provincial Kaomintang yesterday adopted a resolution requesting the National Government to sever economic relations with Germany. Mr. Eugene Chen is studying the matter and will deal with it accordingly.

The resentment is more marked against Chiang Kai-Shek than against Germany, as the former imported German military advisers and poison gas experts in order to carry on a war with Canton by using weapons which are prohibited by international treaties.

According to German circles in Shanghai, Germany no longer manufactures any arms and ammunition, as munition factories in that country were all closed down by virtue of the Treaty of Versailles. However, it was admitted that the Nanking Government ordered large consignments of arms and ammunition from a German firm which secured the goods from munition factories in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Austria.

## MR. EUGENE CHEN'S RETURN.

CANTON, Aug. 23.

Mr. Eugene Chen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mrs. Chen returned to Canton yesterday for a stay by the steamer Kinsan from Hong Kong. They were accompanied by Mr. Foo Ping Shuang, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Messrs. Liu Chi Wen, Liu Yau Kian, and Kan Chia Hui.

## CANTON ROUNDS UP REDS.

35 EXECUTIONS INCLUDING 5 WOMEN.

(Wah Tse Yat Pao.)

CANTON, Aug. 24.

Altogether 35 of the 50 "Reds" arrested in Canton as a result of a series of raids on Communist haunts made recently, have been executed by the Canton Police in the past days. Of those executed five were women Communists.

## BISHOP'S APOLOGY TO CONGREGATION.

FORGOTTEN DOCUMENTS.

Altrincham.—A large congregation assembled at Bowden Parish Church in anticipation of seeing the institution and induction by the Bishop of Chester of the new Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Haworth, formerly of Christ Church, Crewe, but the Bishop had left essential papers at Chester and the ceremony could not be proceeded with.

After the singing of a hymn the Bishop ascended the pulpit and expressed his deep apology to the congregation for having forgotten the documents, which were necessary for the institution and induction ceremony. He said they could, of course, offer their prayers for the Vicar, but in the absence of the legal documents they could not conduct the interesting ceremonies which they had all come to witness. It is understood that the institution of the Vicar will take place privately, and that at a later date there will be a public service in the church for his induction.



# Sports News

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.

### SENATORS DROP TWO GAMES.

### CARDINALS SPLIT TWIN BILL WITH PHILLIES.

New York, August 19. Playing in Philadelphia to-day the St. Louis Cardinals and the Philadelphia Phillies divided the honours in a double-header, the Quakers winning the opener by a score of 3 to 2 and the Redbirds coming back to take the nightcap to the tune of 8 to 4.

Another twin bill was split at Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn where the Chicago Cubs defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers by a score of 4 to 1 in the first game. The Dodgers took the second game by a score of 4 to 3, however.

There was a close game at the Polo Grounds here in New York where the Giants nosed out the Cincinnati Reds by a score of 6 to 5. Rain at Boston made it impossible for the Braves and the Pittsburgh Pirates to play their scheduled game.

### Senators Lose Twice.

In Cleveland the Indians played excellent baseball to whip the Washington Senators twice. The Indians won by scores of 10 to 6 and 10 to 8 while out in St. Louis the Browns went on a rampage to defeat the New York Yankees by a score of 7 to 2. In Detroit the Boston Red Sox tamed the Tigers by a score of 9 to 5 and in Chicago the Philadelphia Athletics won from the White Sox by a score of 4 to 2.

The Giants game was won after they had come up from behind to stage a ninth inning rally which netted two runs and victory.

Darry Vance twirled splendid baseball for the Dodgers to-day. He fanned nine would-be batters.

### Score and Standings.

Following are the scores:—

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	3	6	0
Philadelphia	3	13	1

Second Game			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	8	13	1
Philadelphia	4	6	3

First Game			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	4	5	0
Brooklyn	1	7	2

## Second Game

Chicago	3	10	2
Brooklyn	4	7	0
Cincinnati	5	8	3
New York	6	10	1

(Pittsburg at Boston, postponed because of rain.)

## AMERICAN LEAGUE.

### First Game

Washington	6	7	0
Cleveland	10	12	2

### Second Game

Washington	8	12	1
Cleveland	10	13	2
New York	3	11	0
St. Louis	7	10	0
Boston	9	12	2
Detroit	8	15	5
Philadelphia	4	12	1
Chicago	9	7	3

Following are the standings of the baseball clubs in the major leagues after the games of Wednesday, August 19:—

## NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	76	42	.644
New York	65	48	.570

Chicago	84	53	.547
Brooklyn	81	58	.508
Pittsburg	57	58	.495
Boston	53	59	.468

## AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	82	31	.725
Washington	69	45	.605

New York	65	49	.570
Cleveland	55	50	.482
St. Louis	49	65	.429
Boston	47	69	.405
Chicago	40	69	.400
Detroit	45	71	.389

## LONDON LOSES BOUT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

### BERG AND CANZONERI TO FIGHT IN NEW YORK.

New York, August 18.—It has now been decided that the fight between Kid Berg (England) and Tony Canzoneri (America), for the world's light-weight championship, will take place in New York on September 10, instead of in London.

## LEAGUE TENNIS.

### "C" DIVISION.

### I.R.C. UNIVERSITY.

Playing at home I.R.C. lost to the University by 7 to 1 sets.

Scores:—

L. Oppenheim and L. A. da Silva

beat F. M. el Arculli and H. O. Hoosen 6-0

beat A. M. Rumjahn and A. R. Suffad 6-3

lost to S. A. R. Bux and M. P. Madar 4-0

P. L. Tan and A. L. Tan beat Arculli and Hoosen 6-4

beat Rumjahn and Suffad 6-4

beat Bux and Madar 6-3

P. P. Khoo and K. M. Lo beat Arculli and Hoosen 5-4

beat Rumjahn and Suffad 6-4

beat Bux and Madar 6-3

### CONSTABLE TAKEN FOR FOOTPAD.

### MIDNIGHT COMEDY.

A midnight encounter between a youth and a policeman in plain clothes, in which each mistook the other for a thief, was described at Stevenage, when Ernest Tinsley (20), of Hatmarsh, Yorkshire, was charged with house-breaking.

P.C. Dunsby said that he was walking along the Great North Road soon after midnight, when he met Tinsley, and questioned him. Tinsley suddenly bolted. He followed and, finding him in a house which was temporarily unoccupied, arrested him.

Tinsley explained that he had just been discharged from the Tank Corps, and was walking to his home in Yorkshire. When the constable, who was in plain clothes, stopped him and asked if he had any money, he became frightened. He thought the constable was a footpad. He ran away and broke into the house, took a roller from a towel rail in the bathroom to protect himself, and shouted to attract attention. He had no other thought than to prevent himself from being robbed.

He was discharged.

## "YOU GOT TO HAND IT OUT TO LONDON."

(Continued from Page 1.)

listing: "It was there at Paris, I saw it at the Gare."

"I tell you I put it in the grip, Sadie."

"Well, it isn't there now, Luther. The only thing I bought in France for Mama! You must have taken it out in the train."

### The King Business.

Boanerges breaks in on our problems: "St. James' Palace, the ancient home of the kings of England, last inhabited by George III."

"That was the old king we—"

"now used solely for lovers and diplomatic receptions."

("Where does the Prince of Wales live!")

The guard mounting. A superb counter-point of black and scarlet. The slow march, stately to an air of Mozart. A sergeant-major with legs like piston rods. The colour, to which, wondering a little at the odd emotion that surged suddenly at our hearts from a dim ancestral past, we doffed our hats. Then, like schoolboys, in the wake of the band to Buckingham Palace.

"What's that flag?" The personal flag of King George. "I've heard that, Millie! Means the king is in residence."

"Has the Prince got a flag, too?" The fair New Englander had a one-track curiosity.

As we climbed into the coach once more we thought that the fellow who created that little show could ask any price he wanted on Broadway. And get it. We were even ready to admit that something about it all had got through our armour of unrepentant determination not to be impressed. "I'm as democratic an American as there is, but—"

The king business!

That's Architecture.

We looked at the Duke of York's house. "Funny, a son of the king's just living in a street like other folks." And painfully we worked out where Princess Elizabeth came in the order of succession to the throne.

The Albert Memorial. "Now, say, that's architecture!" And so by Belgrave, urbane, with almost a village quiet, but with an indefinable something—we decided it was "style"—to the Abbey.

The throne and the Stone, and jokes about the generosity of the Scots in letting the English keep anything so valuable. We looked at the stone admirals and statesmen in their sham Roman draperies!

## NO CARELESSNESS IN CANTON.

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A serious accident befell a traffic policeman while he was on duty on the Bund at Canton a few nights ago and resulted in his being taken to hospital where he now lies in a critical condition. The affair happened during the late hours whilst a heavy shower of rain was falling. A motor-car ran into a policeman and knocked him down. The driver of the car was immediately arrested and taken to the Bureau of Public Safety. The accident had a sequel the following morning when the driver was brought before the police court and fined fifty dollars for negligent driving. The excuse that the driver gave for the apparent negligence was that it was an extremely dark night, and this, coupled with the fact that heavy rain was falling and obscuring the view, was also that the policeman was wearing dark clothing, was responsible for the accident.

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That's symbolic, I guess. Solidity of British credit.

Standing too long behind a cash desk, I'd say.

At the Tower the sudden blaze of the Crown Jewels. "They should give you smoked glasses for this," made us understand the feelings of the late Colonel Blood, better than before. We gazed fixedly at a corner of the Bloody Tower as if the two princes might appear at any moment.

"These old kings could have taught Capone a thing or two."

Evening. Fleet-street again. A late night final for Double Bass.

"Say, folks, a jump in Wall-street prices. What do you know about that?"

The Bull looked as if he had known about it all the time.

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By Order of the Board, B. ALVES, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th Aug. 1931. [1094]

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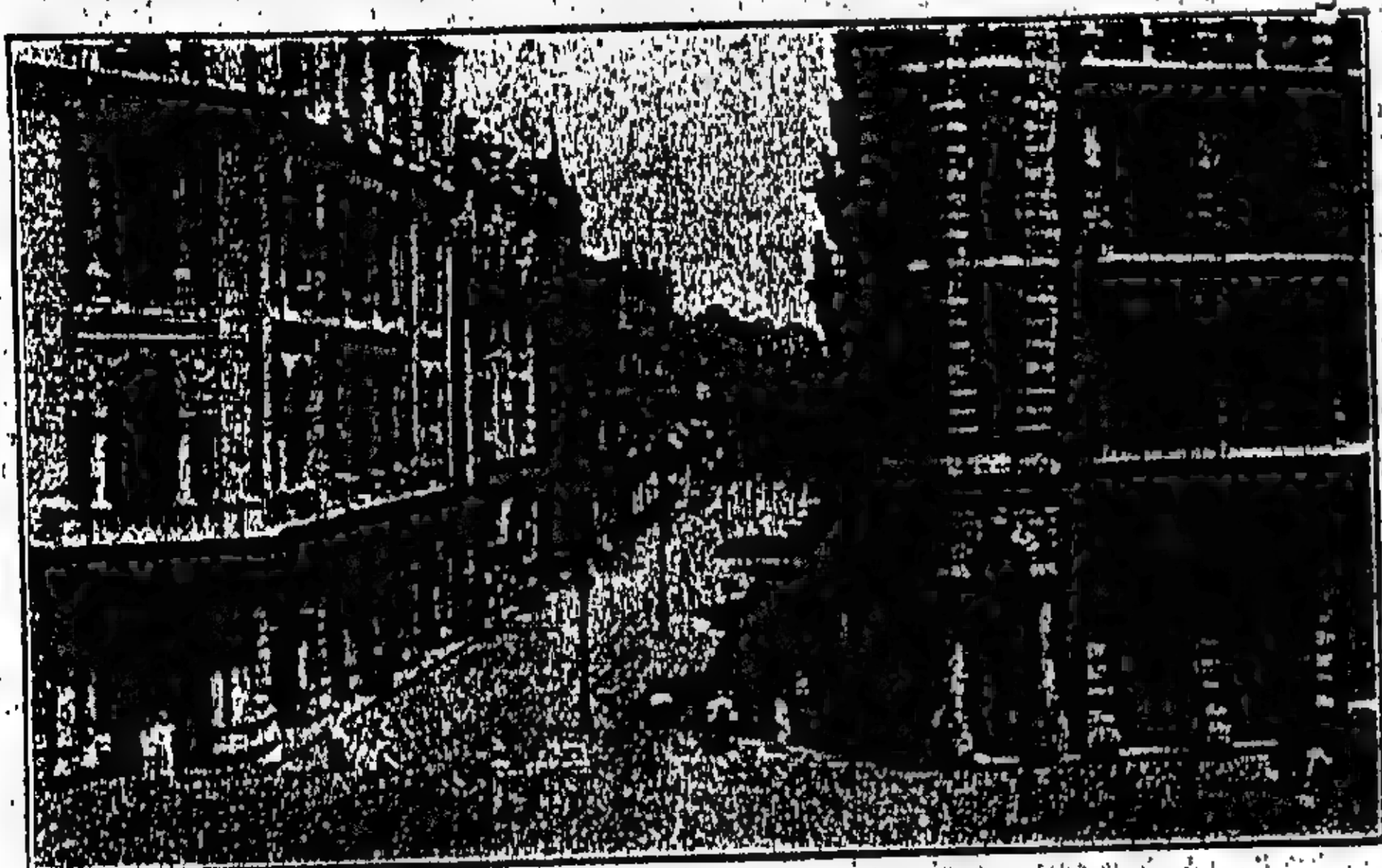
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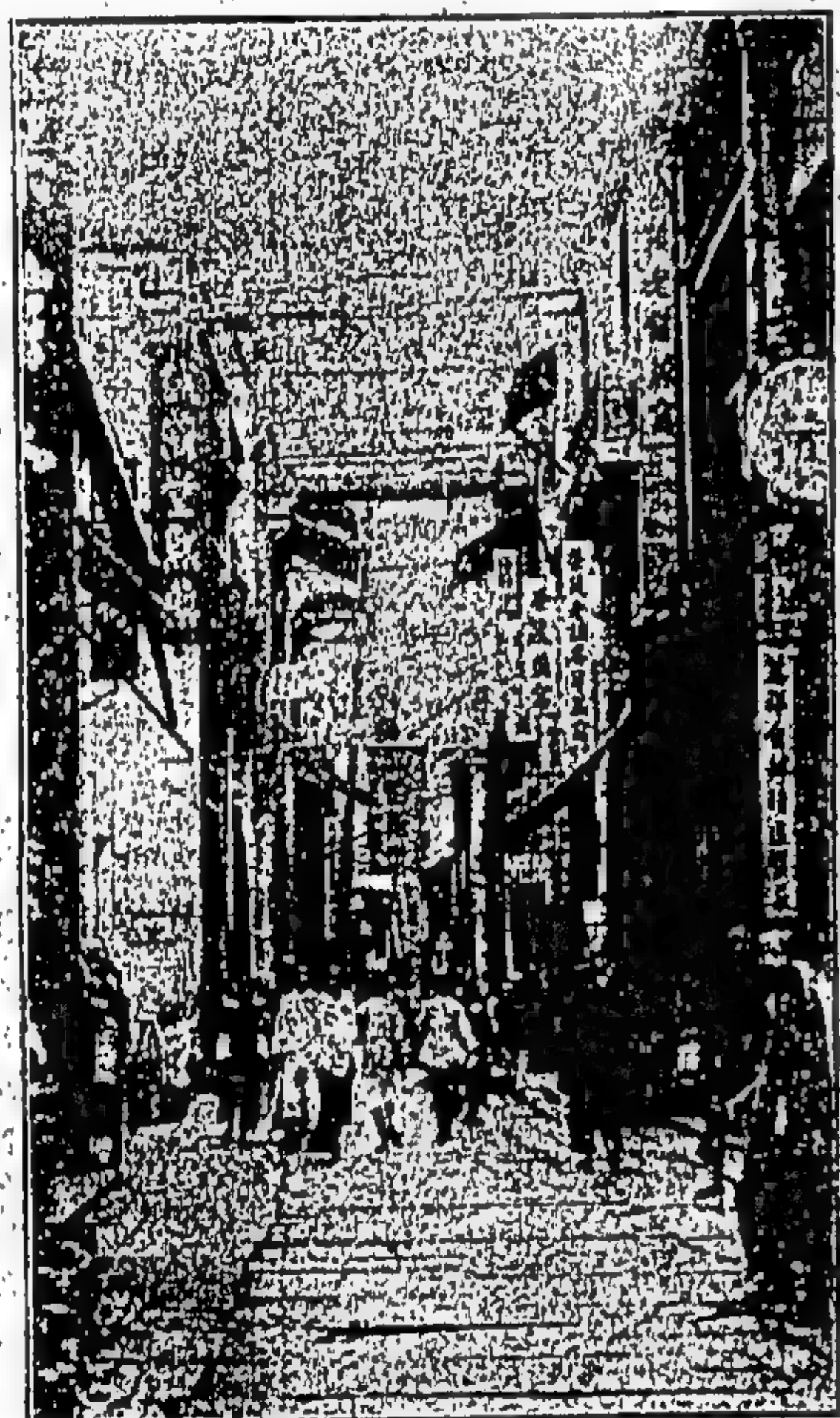
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### THORBURN INQUIRY NOT COMPLETE.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION COMPELS MORE INVESTIGATIONS.

London, Aug. 24.—Inquiry at the Foreign Office here reveals the fact that the official report of the second inquiry into the disappearance of Mr. John Hay Thorburn has not yet been received. The results of the investigation made by the Vice-Minister of War, General Chen Yih, has not been forwarded by Sir Miles Lampson, H.M. Minister. Whitehall thus has no official knowledge of the substance of General Chen Yih's findings, which were reported in the Press to correspond with the findings of the first commission of inquiry, denying that any foreigner at all was involved in the shooting incident which, it is alleged, was the reason advanced for the arrest of the young Briton.

Semi-official reports from Chinese Government sources state that the inquiry of General Chen Yih into the disappearance of Mr. John Thorburn is not complete. It is believed that further information has been received necessitating inquiries which are now being made. The report is therefore not yet fully drafted for submission to the Foreign Ministry.

It will be recalled that, on Saturday, a Ruter message from Nanking stated that the report which was "nearly completed" threw no further light on the case and reiterated the statement that no foreigner had been arrested. On this message the N.C. Daily News pointed out the serious implications of the adoption by the Chinese Government of so fantastic a report.

### RAPPROCHEMENT IN ROME.

#### FASCIST DISPUTE WITH VATICAN.

#### MEDIATORS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Rome, Aug. 19.—Some considerable progress has been made towards a solution of the dispute between the Vatican and the Fascist authorities which recently threatened to revive in embittered form the historic quarrel which was closed by the signature of the Lateran Treaty.

Although no overt action has been taken, mediators have been busy behind the scenes, and there is very hope that, when ministerial activities are resumed after the holidays, these unofficial contacts will result in the re-opening of diplomatic negotiations which will end in reconciliation.

It is significant that the Pope this morning granted a long private audience to Father Cecchi Venturi, former Secretary-General of the Jesuits, who has been acting as mediator between the Vatican and Italian Government.

#### Cardinal Gasparri at Vatican.

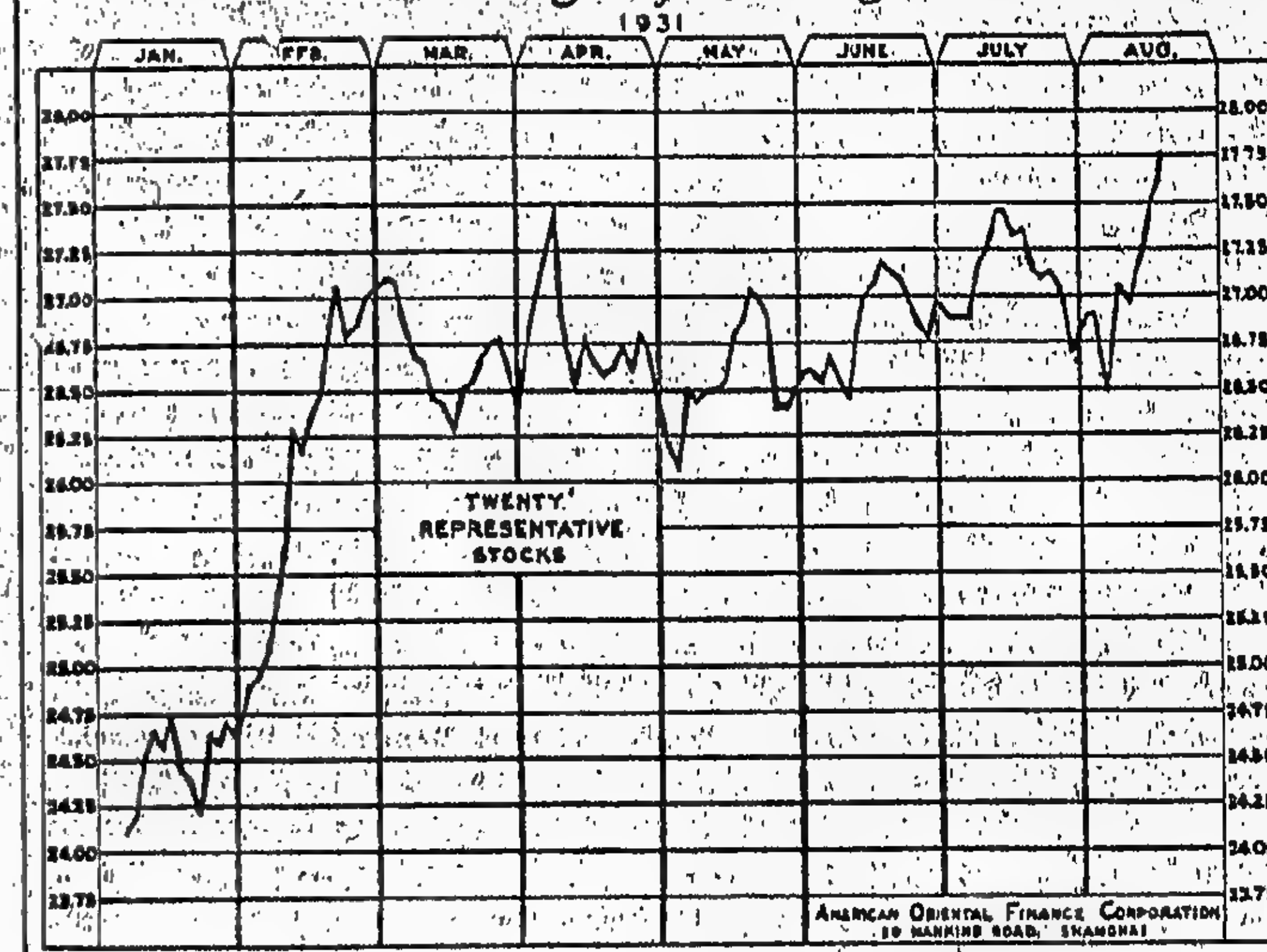
Rome, Aug. 19.—The former Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Gasparri, returned to Rome to-day from a lengthy holiday on his estate. Immediately after his arrival, Cardinal Gasparri had a long audience of the Pontiff, following which there circulated a rumour to the effect that Cardinal Gasparri would before long resume the post of Secretary of State, which he vacated in favour of Cardinal Pacelli, who is credited with the wish to resign.

While it is known that Cardinal Pacelli will not occupy his present position much longer, informed circles outside the Vatican doubt whether he will be succeeded by his predecessor. Cardinal Gasparri, it is believed, however, will now assume an important rôle in the efforts to come to an agreement with the Italian Government, because he was the spiritual father of the Lateran Treaties from which the present conflict arises and which are said to be at the root of Cardinal Pacelli's wish to resign.

### COMING?



### A.O.F.C. Average of Shanghai Stocks



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#### COMMENT ON CHART SHOWING A.O.F.C. AVERAGE.

An aggressive, active market in Shanghai during the past week has carried the A.O.F.C. Average into new high territory for the year. Since Tuesday of last week, the movement has been from 26.95 up to 27.77. This is the best sustained and sharpest advance since early in the year when the A.O.F.C. Average, which is compiled by the American-Oriental Finance Corp., gained more than 12 per cent. in a month.

Since May, the Shanghai market has shown tendencies to work

higher. Each upward spurt in the movement of the A.O.F.C. Average has carried a little higher than the previous one. This is somewhat in contrast with the course of prices on other stock markets which have been adversely affected by generally poor economic conditions.

Market movements are controlled basically by economic conditions, and the A.O.F.C. Average is designed to reflect economic activity centering at Shanghai. The twenty stocks are selected from each of the eight official Shanghai Stock Exchange groupings with most stress placed on their representative value. The A.O.F.C. Average therefore is not highly sensitive to an individual stock's sensational movements that may have no economic basis.

Business men, governmental bureaus and students of economic conditions may find the graph of the A.O.F.C. Average most useful. The curve may suggest much to anyone interested in Chinese markets. The trend upward indicates basic industries are progressing and taking an increasing amount of business from imports.

For financial people interested in Shanghai stocks, the manner in which the market has been favourable to trading is of interest. The sharply defined swings indicate recurring opportunities that should have been gratifying to traders. The statistical record of the A.O.F.C. Average has been as follows:—

Jan. '31	24.10
High for year	Aug. 18: 27.77
Recent low point	Aug. 6: 26.54
Aug. 18: 27.77	

### ALLEGED FRAUD. ANOTHER MAN "WANTED"

Another man is wanted by the police in connection of the alleged fraud on a Chinese journalist of 6, Caine Road, who is said to have been defrauded of \$7,000.

Posters have been posted for several days offering a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest of Guilherme A. d'Aurilio Guimaraes, alias William Guimaraes, alias Kam Chi-so, who is wanted in connection with the alleged fraud.

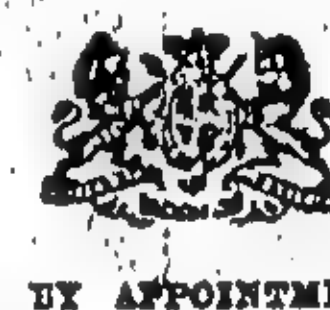
The alleged fugitive is described as being of slim build and of pale complexion. He is 33 years of age and of medium height. He speaks Portuguese, English and Chinese.

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NINGPO, SHANGHAI :			
CHIEFO & TIENTSIN...	"LUCHOW"	On 27th Aug.	D.L.
HONGAI & BANOKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 27th Aug.	Noon
SHAL, NEWCHWANG & DALNY	"TEAN"	On 27th Aug.	5 p.m.
HONGOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KINGYUAN"	On 28th Aug.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 28th Aug.	9 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 30th Aug.	3 p.m.
SWATOW, FOOSHOW, WHEIMATWEL			
CHIEFO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 30th Aug.	3 p.m.
SWATOW & BANOKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 30th Aug.	4 p.m.
SHAL, NEWCHWANG & DALNY	"LINAN"	On 31st Aug.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIAO	"SUIYANG"	On 1st Sept.	3 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 3rd Sept.	D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWANGTUNG"	On 4th Sept.	3 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIAO	"KUNING"	On 6th Sept.	3 p.m.
HONGOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KUNNGCHOW"	On 11th Sept.	Noon
SWATOW, FOOSHOW, WHEIMATWEL			
CHIEFO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 15th Sept.	3 p.m.

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August 24d. 9h. 20m.—Warning to Hong Kong, Coast Ports, &c.—A severe typhoon within 30 miles of Lat. 27° N. Long. 127° E., moving N.W.  
August 24d. 10h. 26m.—The typhoon is now few miles N.W. of Naha moving N.W.  
There are indications of another to the east of Koshu but this is not yet certain.  
Maui warning, 24d. 9h. 16m.—Typhoon in Lat. 26° N. Long. 127° E., moving W. Recd. 24d. 9h. 45m.  
Shanghai warning, 24d. 9h. 05m.—A severe typhoon within 60 miles of Lat. 27° N. Long. 127° E., moving N.W. Recd. 24d. 9h. 05m.  
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 59.85 inches, against an average of 63.20 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON AUGUST 25

DISTRICT.		FORECAST.
1.—Shanghai to Turnabout .....	N.E. winds, increasing to a gale, fair at first, rain later.	
2.—Turnabout to Hong Kong' .....	{ Light, variable winds, freshening from north, fine at first, rain later.	
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock .....	{ Westerly or variable winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.	
4.—Hong Kong to Hainan Straits .....	{	
5.—North China Sea .....	None.	

**HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL  
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Hong Kong Observatory, August 24.			
	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.12	29.55	29.45
Temperature ...	81	58	72
Humidity ...	69	75	68.
Wind ...			
Direction ...	WSW	W	SW
Force ...	2	2	3
Weather ...	B	B	B, U
Rain ...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature, ...			23.80
Lowest open-air Temperature, ...			24.83

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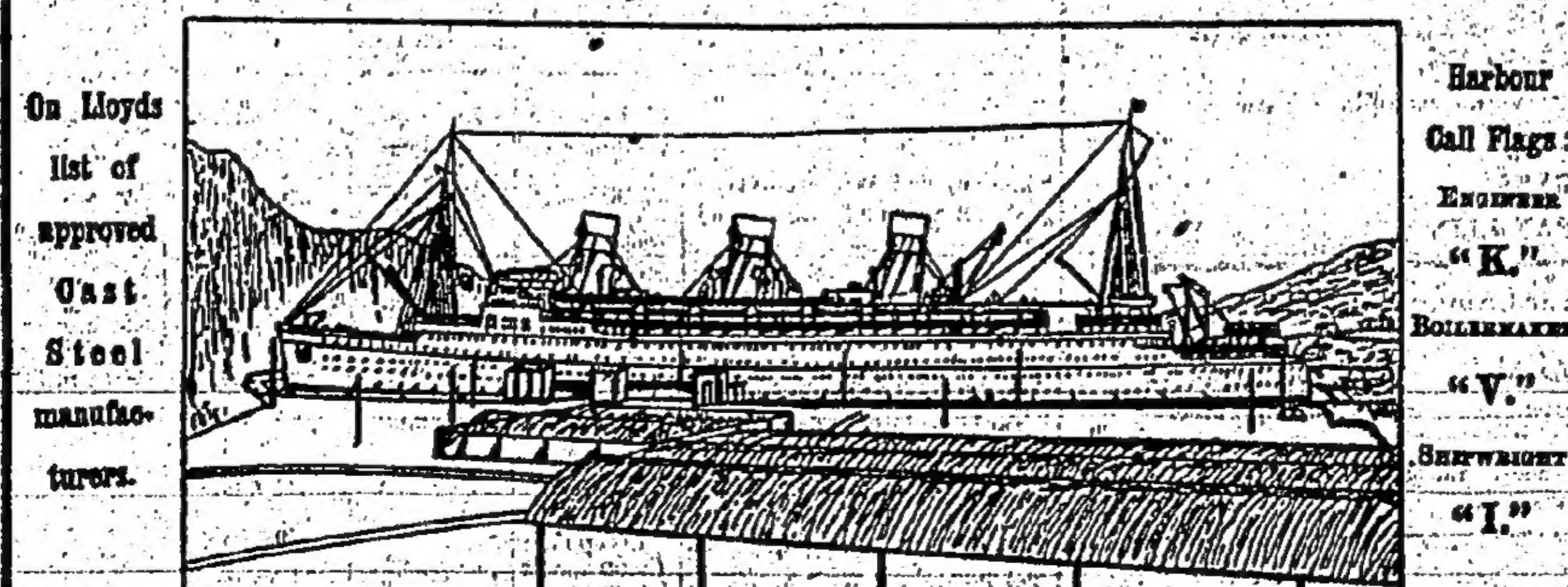
## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From August 25 to 31, 1981.						
HIGH WATER.			LOW WATER.			
Days of Week	Date of Month	Hoog	Height	Hoog	Height	Tide
		Kong Standard Time.		Kong Standard Time.		
Tues.	25	0658	7.12	0006	7.40	1
Wed.	26	0111	8.4	1440	7.0	2
		0750	7.12	0100	7.40	1
Thur.	27	0211	4.8	1511	6.4	2
		0835	7.5	0154	7.0	1
		0221	5.0	1536	6.4	2
Fri.	28	0916	7.5	0240	7.1	1
		0235	6.3	1605	6.4	2
Sat.	29	0846	7.2	0308	7.1	1
		0315	7.0	1620	6.4	2
Sun.	30	1024	7.0	0353	7.3	1
		0337	5.8	1638	6.4	2
Mon.	31	1053	6.5	0430	7.1	1
		0357	6.7	1715	6.4	2

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OSAKA via AMOY & KORE	"SUISANG" "HOSANG"	Wed., 2nd Sept., at 7 a.m. Satur., 30th Sept., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, SHAI & KORE	"KUTSANG"	Satur., 19th Sept., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"YUSANG" "HINSANG" "MAUSANG"	Tues., 25th Aug., at 5 p.m. Wed., 26th Aug., at 3 p.m. Wed., 9th Sept., at Noon
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Pass.	M.S. "FUIDA" .....	...	due here 28th/27th Aug.
Freight	M.S. "Trave" .....	...	due here 4th Sept.
Pass.	S.S. "TRIEB" .....	...	due here 21st Sept.
Freight	M.S. "Havel" .....	...	due here 2nd Oct.
Pass.	S.S. "DEEFFLINGER" .....	...	due here 19th Oct.
Freight	S.S. "Main" .....	...	due here 31st Oct.

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Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Oct. 2
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Oct. 2	Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 17
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 14
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 27
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Empress of Canada	Dec. 5	Dec. 12
Empress of Canada	Dec. 5	Dec. 12			

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Ship	Leaves	Arrives
EMPERESS OF JAPAN	Sept. 4	Sept. 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Sept. 17	Sept. 19

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HEIAN MARU ... Tuesday, 5th Sept.  
**LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM**  
via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.  
HAKOZAKI MARU ... Saturday, 5th Sept.  
**SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports**  
KAMO MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Sept.  
ATSUTA MARU ... Saturday, 26th Sept.

**MANILA**  
OHIOHIBU MARU ... Friday, 26th Aug.  
**BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo**  
NAGATO MARU ... Thursday, 27th Aug.  
KAGA MARU ... Friday, 11th Sept.  
**SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,**  
Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.  
BOKUYO MARU ... Saturday, 12th Sept.  
**NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA**  
TAKETOYO MARU ... Saturday, 20th Aug.  
**LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople),**  
Genoa & Marseilles.  
LYONS MARU ... Sunday, 13th Sept.  
**CAIRO via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon**  
RANGOON MARU ... Saturday, 29th Aug.  
BENGAL MARU ... Tuesday, 8th Sept.  
**SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA**  
TANGO MARU ... Friday, 28th Aug.  
GENOA MARU (Kobe direct) ... Sunday, 30th Aug.  
HAKUNA MARU ... Friday, 4th Sept.

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### FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS

To	Ship	Leaves	To	Ship	Leaves
to MARSEILLES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Djibouti (Aden), Suez, Port Said	G. METZINGER	1st Sept.	to Yokohama via Shanghai and Kobe	PORTHOS	1st Sept.
	SPHINX	16th Sept.		CHERONORAU	16th Sept.
	PORTHOS	29th Sept.		ATHOS II	29th Sept.
	CHERONORAU	13th Oct.		DARTAGNAN	13th Oct.
	ATHOS II	27th Oct.		ANDRE LEBON	27th Oct.
	DARTAGNAN	10th Nov.		FELIX ROUSSEL	10th Nov.
	ANDRE LEBON	24th Nov.		G. METZINGER	24th Nov.
	FELIX ROUSSEL	8th Dec.		SPHINX	8th Dec.

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## Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

### YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS

IMPORTS 13,444 TONS  
THROUGH CARGO  
16,006 TONS

The returns, known at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony, during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:

Ship	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports
Chinese Prince	859	700
Boston	—	—
Anhui	Singapore 450	90
Taiyuan	Shanghai 300	650
Soochow	Tsingtao 210	700
Kweiyang	Bangkok 1,150	—
Kueichow	Tongku 983	429
Nanning	Canton 5	535
Hopsang	Canton —	631
Haining	Foochow 325	—
Pongtong	Saigon 1,700	—
Borneo	—	—
Honkoku Bay	2,900	—
Swedish	—	8,682
Shantung	Gothenburg 612	6,381
Italian	Col. di Lana	612
	Trieste 121	3,450
Dutch	Tjissondari	121
	Wairen 3	4,437
Danish	Michael Jensen	—
	Bangkok 1,006	—
Chinese	Tehekam	—
	Tourane 300	—
Shun Chih	Saigon 1,500	—
Cheung On	Shanghai 30	—
	—	1,830
Total	13,444	16,006

The following merchant vessels were in harbour yesterday:—  
Wharves:—Kowloon: Shantung; Hiye Maru, Okendora; A.P.C.; Taikoku; Groningen; Douglas Laprak; Haining.

Docks:—Kowloon: Limchow, Produe; Taikoo; Sandviken, Chichibu Maru.

Buoys:—A2 Santhia, A3 Olympia, A4 Sing Kee, A5 Santo Maru, A6 Tjissondari, A7 Chinese Prince, A8 Tjilboet, A10 Kweiyang, B1 Cheongshing, B3 Clara, Jeeben, B4 Taiyuan, B14 Anhui, B15 Keying, B16 Michael Jensen, B17 Hellas, B18 Yuan Lee, B19 Soochow, B20 Nanning, B21 Yungang, B22 Haining, C1 Hopsang, C2 Shun Chih, C3 Tehekam, C4 Pongtong, C5 Kueichow.

### ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Anhui (Br.) Singapore	1,324
Taiyuan (Br.) Shanghai	197
Soochow (Br.) Tsingtao	141
Kweiyang (Br.) Bangkok	171
Kueichow (Br.) Tongku	33
Haining (Br.) Foochow	332
Pongtong (Br.) Saigon	425
Tjissondari (Dutch) Dairen	30
Michael Jensen (Dan.) B'k	118
Tak Hing (Chi.) Antau	66
Cheung On (Chi.) Shanghai	142
Shun Chih (Chi.) Saigon	34
Total	3,441

### SHIPS IN HARBOUR

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The following warships were in port yesterday:—

Basin:—Tamar. East Wall:—Otus, Ebonol. North Arm:—Seynab. West Wall (Dock):—Tarantula.

Dock:—Cicula. No. 7 Buoy:—Reigel. Foreign Men of War:—U.S.S. gunboat Helena, Japanese gunboat Saga.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT

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Dock:—Cicula. No. 7 Buoy:—Reigel. Foreign Men of War:—U.S.S. gunboat Helena, Japanese gunboat Saga.

### CLEARANCES

August 24.  
Anhui, for Amoy.  
Chinese Prince, for Manila.  
Cheongshing, for Swatow.  
Dorry, for Keelung.  
Deli Maru, for Canton.  
Hydrangea, for Swatow.  
Hopsang, for Swatow.  
Hiye Maru, for Shanghai.  
Kweiyang, for Swatow.  
Kittaw, for Canton.  
Luchow, for Canton.  
Ryujin Maru, for Canton.  
Rovena, for Chinwangtao.  
Sibiro, for Canton.  
Santhia, for Singapore.  
Tjissondari, for Muntok.  
Wing Wo, for K. C. Wan.  
Yatahing, for Canton.

### ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The arrivals and departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Ship	Arr.	Dep.
British	12	5
Swedish	1	1
Dutch	1	1
Danish	1	0
Italian	1	1
Chinese	4	2
Japanese	0	3
Total	20	11

### ROUND TRIPS TO THE EAST

BLUE FUNNEL ENTERPRISE.

We are advised by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, agents for the Blue Funnel Line, that, starting with a.s. "Sarpedon" from Liverpool on August 18, there will be a special return rate of £135.00 on all "A" class passenger steamers.

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SHIPYARDS TO BE SCRAPPED.

National Shipbuilders Security, Limited, announced that eight north-east coast shipyards with a total of 39 berths and a maximum annual output capacity of 276,000 tons are being purchased by them for scrapping.

The shipyards to be dismantled are at Stockton, Sunderland, South Shields, Hebburn, Howdon and Middlesbrough.

It is stated that the orders received by British shipbuilders during the first six months of 1931 were the lowest ever known both in numbers and tonnage.

REPORT SHIPPING MERGER.

The head office officials of the Union Co., which operates the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Line, decline to comment on the report originating in Vancouver regarding a merger with the Canadian Pacific Railway fleet, states Reuter.

According to an unconfirmed report in Vancouver, the Canadian Pacific Railway is about to acquire a controlling interest in the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Co., which has recently been granted Canadian registry.



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"KARNATA"	9,000	28th Aug. Noon	Mar. L'don, B'don, A'warp, Hull
"CATHAY"	15,000	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"SOUDAN"	8,900	18th Sept.	Mar. L'don, B'don, A'warp, Hull
"KALYAN"	9,000	25th Sept.	Mar. L'don, B'don, A'warp, Hull
"MANTUA"	11,000	10th Oct.	Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	9,000	24th Oct.	Mar. L'don, B'don, A'warp, Hull
"BURDWAN"	6,500	31st Oct.	Mar. L'don, B'don, A'warp, Hull
"NADDERA"	16,000	7th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KASHGAR"	9,000	21st Nov.	Mar. L'don, B'don, A'warp, Hull
"BAJPUTANA"	17,000	5th Dec.	Marseilles and London
"CORFU"	15,000	18th Dec.	do.
"SOMALI"	8,900	25th Dec.	Mar. L'don, B'don, A'warp, Hull
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	2nd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KARNATA"	9,000	16th Jan.	Mar. L'don, B'don, A'warp, Hull
"CHITRAL"	15,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles and London

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Ship	Tonnage	From Hong Kong	Destination
"TALMA"	10,000	8th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"AKADA"	7,000	21st Sept.	do.
"SIDDHANA"	8,000	4th Oct.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	14th Oct.	do.

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Ship	Tonnage	From Hong Kong	Destination
"TANDA"	7,000	2nd Sept.	Manila, Batavia, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
"NANKIN"	7,000	2nd Oct.	do.
"NELLORE"	7,000	31st Oct.	do.

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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

### SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Ship	Tonnage	From Hong Kong	Destination
"NANKIN"	7,000	28th Aug.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"AKADA"	7,000	27th Aug.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,000	28th Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	31st Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama
"MANTUA"	11,000	11th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"SIDDHANA"	8,000	11th Sept.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"BURDWAN"	6,500	19th Sept.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	9,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TILAWA"	10,000	25th Sept.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"NELLORE"	7,000	31st Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama
"SANTHIA"	8,000	9th Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"NADDERA"	16,000	10th Oct.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	9,000	21st Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TALMA"	10,000	23rd Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"MAGELONIA"	11,000	24th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama
"TANDA"	7,000	6th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama
"BAJPUTANA"	17,000	7th Nov.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"CORFU"	15,000	21st Nov.	do.
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	5th Dec.	do.
"NANKIN"	7,000	7th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama
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S.S. "SHANTUNG"	27th Sept.	1st Sept.

Outwards to:—  
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Ship	From Hong Kong	Destination
S.S. "SHANTUNG"	28th Aug.	Sailing about
S.S. "CAUTION"	28th Aug.	28th Aug.

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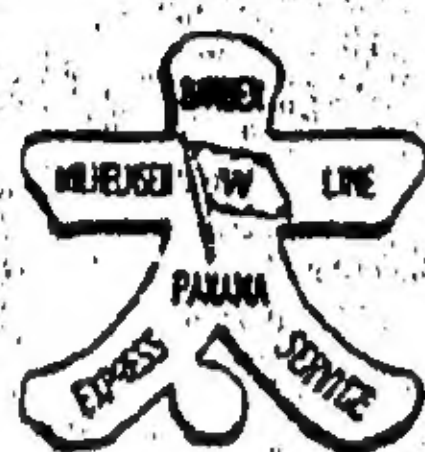
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Telegraphic Transfer	64 1/2
Bank, on demand	64 1/2
On CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	64 1/2
Bank, on demand	64 1/2
On SHANGHAI—	
Bank, 4 months sight	114 7/8
On YOKOHAMA—	
On demand	47 1/2
On MANILA—On demand	46 1/2
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application. Hong Kong, 18th May, 1931. [26]

## HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

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For the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager. Hong Kong, 16th July, 1930. [2]

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A. STOKKINK, Manager.  
Hong Kong, 18th May, 1931. [30]

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FORMER EXCHANGES and General Banking Business transacted. CURRENT, ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

J. STUART, Manager.  
Hong Kong, August 17, 1931. [30]

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A. ROLLIN, Manager.  
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TAN ENG HOOI, Manager.  
Hong Kong, July 16, 1931. [28]

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Chief Manager.

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Reserve Fund and Rest \$1,680,845

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HONG KONG BRANCH: Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted. Travellers Cheques issued. Trustees and Executorships undertaken.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.

C. L. SANDES, Manager.  
7, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, 29th April, 1931. [29]

## THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

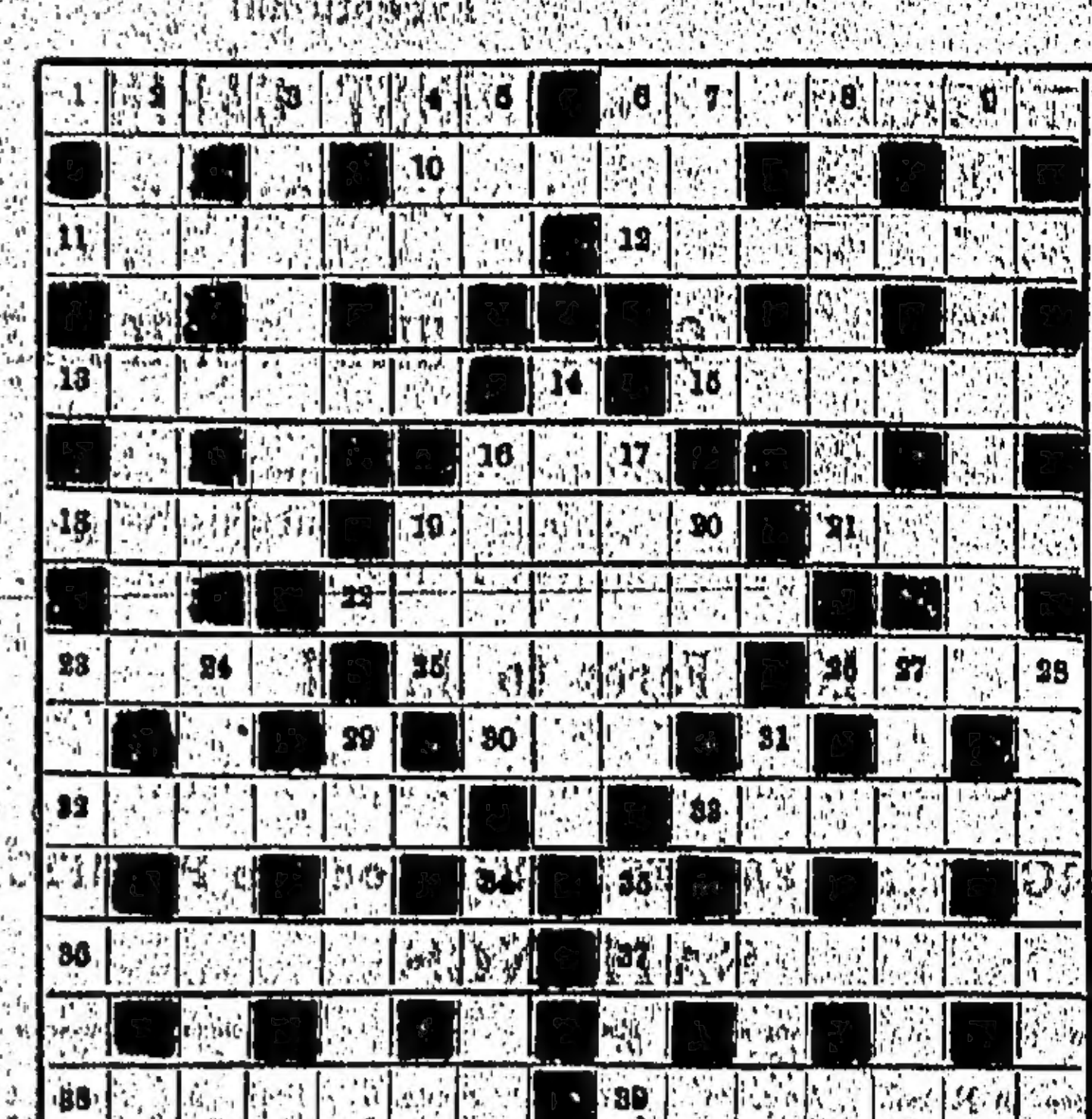
Capital (fully paid up) Yen 100,000,000  
Reserve Fund Yen 115,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.  
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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.

H. MORI, Manager.  
Hong Kong, July 16, 1931. [28]

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



### CLUES

- Across.
- 1-Interpret—formerly a cover sign.
  - 2-The guillotine shows the way out for the dark lady.
  - 3-A bird.
  - 4-Contains "potted" news only.
  - 5-Perhaps by 25 Across.
  - 6-The car on the "pudgy" road is responsible—not I.
  - 7-A West-country town.
  - 8-Middle phase of every cadence.
  - 9-If you give it, keep it.
  - 10-Small Spanish horse (one of three alternative spellings).
  - 11-A season.
  - 12-Undisputed victory for our leader.
  - 13-Flock preponderantly of the other sex.
  - 14-Has one meaning for the worker, another for the ancient mariner.
  - 15-Welsh report.
  - 16-Nura, I repeat, was missing: as I crept in to phone, Tom flew out (hidden).
  - 17-This nail ends in smoke.
  - 18-Swedish princess.
  - 19-It's horrible to say so, but I've a notion you've read this famous novel.
  - 20-Gourmet.
  - 21-Near leg (anag.).
  - 22-Hardy dairymaid follows "The Raven's" author and introduces (say) Elizabeth Barrett Browning.
- Down.
- 1-The head and tail of this poem appear redundant when you spell it.
  - 2-Censorious instruction to a composer.
  - 3-Particularly friendly at the close.
  - 4-Shoot.
  - 5-This lady wasn't at all well when she stood on her head.
  - 6-Not so old.
  - 7-And gaiters!
  - 8-Denotes wealth, but coins made of it are all 5 down.
  - 9-Describes a cough.
  - 10-A tune? Please—!
  - 11-Hairy.
  - 12-Not so popular with ladies as with builders.
  - 13-Extremely ungallant suggestion—here!
  - 14-Not out.
  - 15-Animal to be found in its head.
  - 16-Quite a lot, but if you start with a hundred, it isn't cost.

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

DOWN: 1. C. 2. A. 3. E. 4. I. 5. O. 6. U. 7. N. 8. D. 9. E. 10. S. 11. T. 12. R. 13. Y. 14. A. 15. M. 16. P. 17. L. 18. G. 19. H. 20. W. 21. B. 22. K. 23. Q. 24. J. 25. F. 26. X. 27. Z. 28. V. 29. W. 30. Y.

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